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NMC on continued probation

The accreditation status of the Northern Marianas College remains on probation, according to college officials in a news briefing held yester-

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a letter from Dr. Barbara A. Beno, president of the Accrediting Commission for Community

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Beno emphasized that NMC's accredited status will continue during this probation period.

In that letter, Beno directed the college

to resolve three remaining concerns from

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Cash shortage is delaying some \$6M rebate checks

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the government has yet to release an estimated \$6 million worth of 2010 tax rebate/refund checks, as well as federal stimulus checks, and there is no guarantee that they will all be mailed out before the deadline for filing 2011 income tax re- Inos turns in mid-April.

Inos said while the Department of Finance tries to release checks on a regu-



tax refunds and rebates for 2010 is some \$23.4 million. If the government has yet to pay some \$6 million more, it has already

lar basis, there's just not enough funds

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HANMI backs Saipan casinos but wants poker parlors out

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands supports the legalization of casino gaming on Saipan but on four conditions that include a phase out of poker gambling on the island.

HANMI board chair Nick Nishikawa of Hyatt Regency Saipan, along with five other officers of the hotel group, made their official position known to lawmakers in a two-page letter that cited the need for the CNMI to generate additional revenue.

"In our joint interest to increase rev-

enue generation for the CNMI, we are writing on behalf of our 12 hotelier members to express our support of casino gaming in Saipan, provided the following conditions are met," Nishikawa and other HANMI officers told Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan).

The hotel group said casino development "shall be in conjunction with other destination enhancement development such as a hotel, a convention center, or an amusement park."

Another condition is that casino gaming "shall be licensed and regulated un-

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Rota, Tinian leaders: Restore free meals for patients

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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Lawmakers and a mayor called for the "immediate restoration" of free meals for Rota and Tinian dialysis patients staying at a guesthouse on Saipan's Navy Hill, saying that denying patients these meals could later result in higher medical costs for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said that patients' meal "is an expenditure that should not be sacrificed."

"We ask for the immediate restoration of free meals. These patients are not given subsistence or per diem allowance. The least we could do is provide them free meals prepared at the hospital," Manglona told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Senate president said the expenses for Rota and Tinian patients' meals have always been shouldered by the hospital.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz said these dialysis patients "require specific diet" that he said could best be prepared by the hospital cafeteria and because they are approved by nutritionists.

"If they don't follow specific diet because they can't afford to buy their own meal or they can't buy meals that are healthy for them, then later on their condition will get worse," he said, adding that this could translate to more expenses for the hospital in the long run.

Dela Cruz said that based on communication with CHC, each free meal for Tinian and Rota dialysis patients costs \$3.75.

"So that's \$7.50 a day for two meals. I told the corporation CEO to continue the meal because these patients require specific diets and to bill my office for the meals of Tinian patients until we find a solution to this," Dela Cruz said.

The Tinian mayor said it is "imperative" that free meals continue to be provided to pa-

tients, and CHC could do this by ridding the hospital of political appointees who do not necessarily belong to CHC.

"CHC should cut the fat in there, but not take away the meals of patients. As you know, dialysis services are not available on Rota and Tinian. If they were, these patients need to stay here and away from their family. Right now we're on a waitand-see," he added.

CHC chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta earlier issued a memo stating that meal services and bottled water for Rota and Tinian medical referral patients staying at the guest house will be discontinued on Feb. 1, 2012. These services may only resume if funding is made available.

Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) said there's no ample time given to prepare these patients for the changes that CHC wants to implement.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in an interview with reporters on Thursday, said that while the administration recognizes the financial difficulties the corporation is in, the decision to discontinue free meals to these patients "may be a bit hasty" and the corporation may want to reconsider.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), chairman of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, said that the panel is also asking

CHC to restore the free meals to Tinian and Rota patients as soon as possible.

Torres sent a letter yesterday to CHC's Babauta, requesting a meeting on Tuesday at 3pm in the Senate chamber on Capital Hill to discuss issues that include CHC's decision to stop the free meals to interisland medical referral patients.

"I would like to discuss the current status of CHC since its recent establishment, payroll issues, meals of our patients and our hospitals on Rota and Tinian," Torres told Babauta.

The senator also asked for a copy of CHC's rules and regulations, and organizational charts for Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Ex-convict gets 6 months for beating Tinian woman

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman imposed yesterday a three-month prison term on an ex-convict who is on probation for domestic violence on Saipan and was convicted again for beating up a woman on Tinian.

In his written order, Wiseman sentenced Joseph Naputi Borja to a year in prison, all suspended except for three months, for assault and battery.

Wiseman, however, ordered that the three-month sentence shall run consecutively with another three-month sentence in a previous criminal case. This means the 28-year-old Borja shall serve a total of six months in prison.

He will be placed on probation for two years and required to perform 100 hours of community service, enroll in alcohol and drug counseling, and pay

the medical fees of the victim.

Borja pleaded guilty on Wednesday as part of a plea deal.

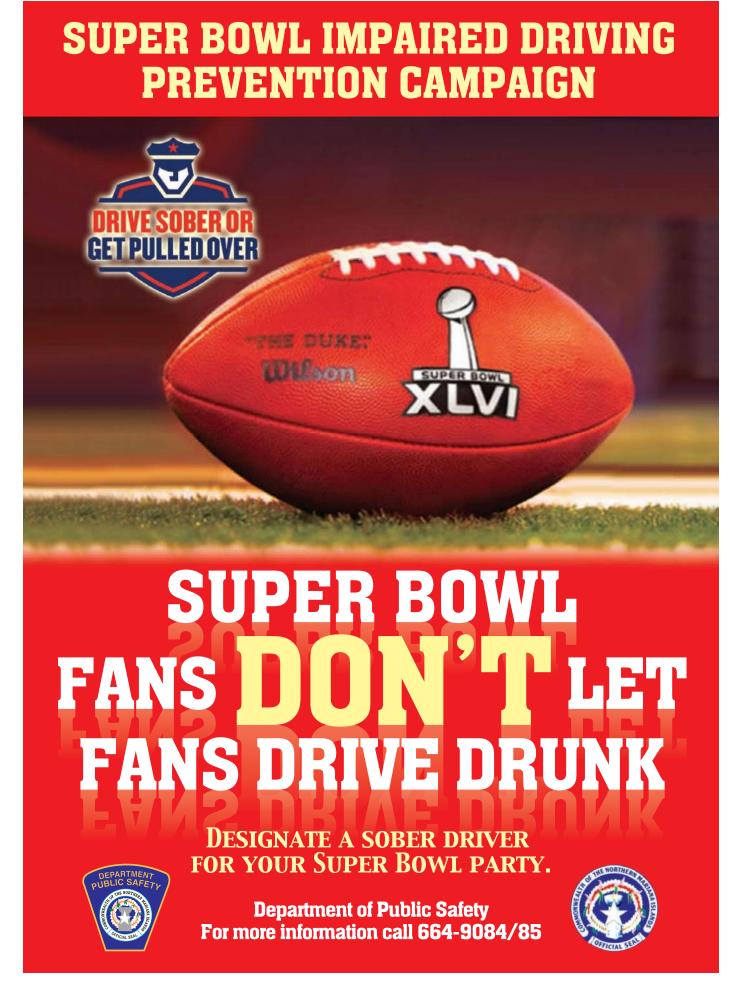
Police said the victim the case sustained several injuries and was taken to the Tinian Health Center for a laceration above the left eye. She complained of pain in the left ribcage and back.

The police report did not indicate the victim's relationship with Borja.

Borja told responding officers on Oct. 30, 2011, on Tinian, that the victim fell and hit her left forehead on a wood.

One of the children at the scene told the officer, however that she saw Borja punching and kicking her mother. Borja was then arrested.

Last June, the Superior Court imposed a 20-day jail term on Borja for domestic violence on Saipan. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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Shell follows Mobil's 10-cent price hike on Saipan

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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Crude oil price dropped below \$97 a barrel on Thursday amid mixed signals about demand in the United States even as Shell Marianas and Mobil Oil Mariana Islands' pump prices on Saipan went up by 10 cents a gallon.

Shell increased its Saipan pump prices yesterday, mirroring Mobil's price changes on gallon. Wednesday.

Pump prices on Rota and Tinian are expected to follow suit and could inch closer to \$7 for diesel, one of the highest gas prices in the U.S. and its territories.

Shell and Mobil's regular unleaded gasoline on Saipan is now \$4.909, while super or premium is now \$5.229 a gallon.

Diesel remains at \$5.319 a

Jovy Omar San Nicolas said a 10-cent increase will further force her to limit her trips, and cut on other expenses.

"We should really make every trip worth it because gas price is high," she told Saipan *Tribune* as she was buying \$20 gas at a Shell service station in Puerto Rico yesterday. "I am disappointed it went up again."

Collin Duenas, 19, said pay-

ing more for gas will be tough, considering that he earns only the minimum wage of \$5.05 an hour as a part-time employee.

His hourly earning is less than what he now pays for premium gasoline, which is \$5.22 a gallon. He drives a pickup truck. He lives in Kagman but has to drive a distance to go to his work in Susupe, Puerto Rico, and Gualo Rai.

"I am spending about \$30 for

increase will be a big difference. I try not to do strolling anymore. If I have to use my truck, it's mostly to go to work and go back home," he added.

Prices of gasoline are determined by a number of factors, including changes in the world market wholesale prices of gasoline, regional gasoline supply and demand balance, transportation costs,

less than a week and a 10-cent insurance, local distribution, marketing costs, government regulations, taxes, competitive market forces, and investments in retail stations and distribution terminals.

In the CNMI, Mobil and Shell do not issue advance notice of price changes. Motorists only know about the changed prices when they check the price displays at service stations.



A Fire Division personnel orients San Antonio Elementary School students on some of the equipment they use during the school's Health Fair on Thursday.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

the value of health and wellness during the Health Fair for school

has hosted for about eight years now.

First grade teacher Hilda ery year."

Rios said the students visit each station set up by participating agencies, which then Some of the topics covered include healthy heating, exercise, fire safety, immunization shots, child abuse.

Rios told Saipan Tribune.

Through this event, Rios said they expect to their students to accomplish their schoolwide learning results called CREST: Critical thinkers and problem

solvers, Responsible citizens of a global society, Effective communicators, Self-directed lifelong learners, and Technologically literate.

dents learn from these agencies, they will take it with them at home or in the community. We take a lot of things for granted, including being healthy. But being healthy is...very important for everyone," added Rios.

to help them.

Cabrera: Retirees' group to develop official position on Fund consultant

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

REPORTER

The Commonwealth Retirees' Association is developing a formal and official position on the recent decision of the Retirement Fund board to hire a

CRA board chair Lorenzo Leon Guerrero-Cabrera told Saipan Tribune, however, that this will not be finalized until the group is fully aware of all the details of the issue, including the contract and deliverables expected of the new consultant.

Fund board chair Sixto K. Igisomar confirmed early this week that former House speaker Heinz Hofschneider will soon be hired as the board's consultant to help it identify solutions to the present dilemma of the pension agency.

This issue was among the topics that were expected to be raised in yesterday's meeting.

Cabrera said that the association will not come up with any official stand until all questions are satisfied.

Hofschneider's contract has yet to be signed pending the identification of expected deliverables.

For now, Cabrera could not say if the group will support or oppose the Fund decision to hire Hofschneider for \$70,000 per annum.

"We are going to develop a formal position and anybody [among the members] who has information about it, I'd like to see that in the table for discussion. But as long as I don't have

the [information] about the expected derivables, no official position can be finalized. You cannot say shoot first without knowing what the target is..." he said.

Cabrera said the association still supports the option of reducing members' benefits and pension as a way to prolong the life of the pension plan.

He blamed the "very generous" benefits providedthrough legislation—to members, contributing to the Fund's precarious situation.

Late last year, CRA adopted resolutions urging both the governor and the Legislature to cease passing and approving legislation that harm the Fund, which now only has over \$250 million in its investment portfolio. It also urged the central government to continue remitting its employer contribution for the pension agency's continued operation.

SAES, agencies partner for annual health fair

Students of San Antonio Elementary School learned about

year 2011-2012 held Thursday. About 11 government agencies took part in the annual event, which the school

Rios, who coordinated the fair with school counselor Daisy Villagomez-Bier, said they feature different topics and presentations each time and "it just gets better and better evdiscuss their designated topics. alcohol and tobacco abuse, and

"We want to get our agencies that deal with health every day and partner with them to share with our students their roles in the community in terms of keeping the public safe and healthy,"

"I hope that whatever the stu-

School principal James Sablan said the health fair is a "great opportunity" to promote health and wellness in school as well as inform students that they have a lot of partner agencies in the community that are willing

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Live entertainment sought for 2012 MMAC

The 2012 Marianas March Against forming live at the largest annual can-Cancer committee is currently seeking individuals or groups interested in per-

cer fundraising event in the Northern

"We're inviting all bands, dance groups, singers, and other live entertainers to help support the battle

Subway donates \$2,500 to Eucon for the fourth year

Consistent with its commitment to forge a healthy partnership for education, Subway Investments Corp., donated \$2,500 to Eucon International College on Jan. 27.

This is the fourth year that Subway supported Eucon International College in promoting excellence in education through the gift of education tax credit. Subway donated to Eucon International School \$2,500 in education tax credit each year in 2007, 2009, and 2010.

Subway Investments Corp. is a part of Transpacific Group of Companies comprising Coca-Cola Beverage Co. Micronesia, Inc., Foremost Foods Saipan, Glimpses Publications and Glimpses Advertising, and Foremost Scoops.

Glen D. Hunter, Saipan group business manager, Transpacific Group of Companies said that the Group ranks education very high in its priorities. "Transpacific Group believes that donating for advancement of education is one of the best ways to give back to the community. We take pride in making a difference in the education of the next generation," Hunter said. (Subway)

Transpacific Group of Companies, comprising Coca-Cola Beverage Company (Micronesia), Inc., Foremost Foods Saipan, Subway Investments Corp., Glimpses Publications, Glimpses Advertising, and Foremost Scoops, donates \$2,500 in education tax credit to Eucon International School. Stella Fong, left, vice president, Transpacific Group of Companies, and Glen D. Hunter, Saipan group business manager, present the donation to Judy Wei, executive vice president of Eucon International School CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



NMC

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Probation is imposed when the commission finds that an institution deviates significantly from the commission's eligibility requirements, accreditation standards, or policies or fails to respond to conditions imposed upon it by the commission.

Beno explained in the letter that the probation status imposed on NMC is being continued because of deficiencies identified in the team report of 2010. At that time, NMC was on show cause status.

In June 2011, the college was placed on probation, with 11 concerns that NMC was ordered to resolve. Of these 11 concerns, eight have already been addressed while three remain unresolved and two new ones were added.

NMC has until October 2012 to fully address all these concerns. It will be required to submit a comprehensive evaluation report that same month. Beno said the comprehensive evaluation report must provide substantial evidence that the college has fully addressed all deficiencies or the commission may terminate NMC's accreditation.

First among the commission's concerns is for the college to integrate financial planning with institutional planning and ensure that it has enough funds to run effectively.

Hart said yesterday that NMC has been working on this and she vowed that the college will continue to work hard and communicate this matter to the Legislature, which allocates the budget for the college. NMC has two sources of funds: budget from local government and tuition and fees.

Another commission recommendation is for the college to assure the responsible use of its funds and ensure that the financial management team has control mechanisms and shares information for sound financial decision-making.

To address this, Hart vowed to focus on the audit findings for NMC in previous fiscal years. "This is something that we have been doing continuously, but the commission wants to see that we move along appropriately," she said.

The third recommendation is for the Board of Regents to undergo training on the proper role and conduct of regents and adhere to its role in establishing policy and strategic-level decision-

According to board chair Juan T. Lizama, prior to the commission's decision, the board has been committed to obtaining the necessary on- and off-island trainings for its members. In fact, he cited the numerous workshops that the members have attended with the use of ARRA funds. He said the board will continue in this direction.

Two new concerns

Besides the three recommendations from the original deficiency list, NMC was also ordered to resolve two new concerns that the commission noted during the team's visit in the latter part of last year.

The first supplemental recommendation cites the need for NMC to hire a permanent chief financial and administrative officer. ACCJC cited the discovery of unknown funds at NMC that point to a weakness in the college's financial management system.

Hart said this is one error in the NMC report to the commission that was later corrected after closing the financial books for fiscal year 2011.

NMC recently eliminated the CFAO position and created a dean of Administration who will handle several offices, including the finance and budget offices. Hart said the new dean of Administration, David Attao, will look into the matter and assess if there's a need to "bring back" the CFAO post.

Hart said the creation of a new management team will help NMC fully address this recommendation—an important group that has not been formed prior to her leadership.

The second supplemental recommendation relates to the need to implement or create a process for the review of all college policies to ensure the participation of all constituents.

To address this, Hart said that NMC has already developed a comprehensive five-year calendar for policy review that will be introduced at the next board meeting for approval.

Disappointed

Hart, Lizama, and other college officials immediately shared yesterday the commission's decision, first with NMC students and staff through an assembly and later with the media in a news briefing at 5pm.

At the briefing, Hart admitted to being disappointed with the commission's decision but underscored the many successes that the college has already achieved.

"Although we had hoped for an upgraded accreditation status, we are pleased to see that the accreditation commission has recognized the college's efforts to resolve many of the issues and recommendations that had been raised in prior action letters and team reports," she said.

against cancer by volunteering your time at the 2012 MMAC," MMAC public relations committee chairman Christopher A. Concepcion. "We have several spots open throughout the night and early morning. With the MMAC being an overnight event, and with this year being our 10th anniversary, we need enthusiastic entertainers willing to help get the crowd going from 6pm to 6am."

To volunteer your time or for more information, contact MMAC entertainment committee chairman L.J. Castro at 483-1027 or email ljmamis@gmail.com.

The Marianas March Against www.ccamarianas.org. (MMAC)

Cancer is the signature fundraising event for the Commonwealth Cancer Association, a volunteer-led non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that ensures all funds raised are spent entirely in the CNMI on cancer patient services, cancer awareness programs and other cancer-related activities. The 2012 Marianas March Against Cancer will be held on April 27-28 at the Hopwood Junior High School field in Chalan Piao. For more information contact overall committee chairwoman Catherine Attao-Toves at 285-1828 or email attaoc@yahoo.com or visit

American Red Cross stands ready to respond and assist

Local American Red Cross volunteers responded to a total of six fires on Saipan since November. The team of Red Cross volunteers helped coordinate assistance in the form of food, shelter, and emotional support due to fire damage to over 20 individuals who were displaced by the fires.

"We're deeply saddened for those affected," said JD Tenorio, the Emergency Services director for the NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross. "As we continue to provide support to those affected, we also encourage others to take action to minimize the risk of a home fire."

The Red Cross recommends two easy steps to help protect your home and loved ones from a fire: get a smoke alarm and create a fire escape plan.

Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Place smoke alarms on every level of your home, including bedrooms.

Test smoke alarms once a month and replace batteries at least once a year.

Have a plan in place can help you escape, including at least two ways to escape from every room of your home and a meeting spot at a safe distance from your home.

Discuss the plan with everyone in the household and practice it at least twice a year.

Red Cross volunteers on the scene were members of the Chapter's Disaster Action Team, a group of specially trained volunteers who respond to the scene of a local disaster when called upon at any time of the day or night.

For more Red Cross fire safety and preparedness information visit www. redcross.org/homefires. (Red Cross)

HANMI

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der regulations congruent with Nevada Gaming Commission and State Gaming Control Board."

"The number of casino licenses issued shall be limited. Poker parlor gaming in Saipan shall be phased out," HANMI officers said.

The House passed its latest bill legalizing casino gaming on Saipan, but that bill is now pending in the Senate which killed a similar legislation in 2010.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), a

member of the Senate Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies, said yesterday that the committee has yet to formally meet to discuss the casino bill.

A member of the committee said yesterday a \$10 million casino license is "reasonable," but there shouldn't be a limit to the number of licenses to be issued so long as they are able to pay the \$10 million license and invest in existing major hotels or build new casino resorts.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is poised to sign this House casino bill barring substantive amendments to it.

SHORTAGE

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paid out over \$17 million.

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson said that Finance released some \$700,000 refund/rebate checks this week alone.

The administration has asked for people's patience as they wait for the release of their checks. Inos reiterated that Finance gives consideration to those with emergency needs such as medical treatment.

Taxpayers interviewed said they have been waiting for their checks since last year, hoping they would get it in time for the holidays. They said they would use the check to keep up with their household bills such as power and water.

Rosemarie Bantilan, 49, said after months of waiting, she finally received her federal stimulus check/rebate on Tuesday.

"Now I can settle some debts and help a child of mine put up a business," Bantilan, a dressmaker and a mother of four, told Saipan Tribune yesterday.

Another taxpayer said she has been calling Treasury whether her check will be released soon, to no avail.

Another said she does not have an emergency so she will just wait for the check to come in.

"I am not in a hurry for that money," she added.

Many taxpayers, including nonresident workers, have started writing to Finance, asking for the release of their checks to help pay for "emergency"

A refund is for tax that has been overpaid or incorrectly paid, and is returned to the taxpayer, while rebate is for tax properly paid and is subsequently returned to the taxpayer under a rebate provision.

CPA sues Texas firm for alleged defective design of Tinian airport

The Commonwealth Ports Authority has filed a \$1 million lawsuit against a Texas company for alleged faulty design and management of the West Tinian Airport facility project.

CPA is suing Leo A. Daly Co. for breach of contract, professional malpractice, negligence, fraud, and violations of the Consumer Protection Act and the CNMI Building Safety Code.

CPA, through counsels William R. Satterberg Jr. and Matthew T. Gregory, alleged that Leo A. Daly used its international reputation to secure a contract then proceeded to violate it in several respects.

"For example, [Leo A. Daly's] work was not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, nor was it compliant with typhoon and earthquake standards applicable to Tinian," the lawyers stated in the complaint.

Satterberg and Gregory said that Leo A. Daly's acts and omissions have damaged CPA and must be redressed.

Leo A. Daly got the CPA contract in 2003 for \$399,000. Funding was part of the \$2.6 million approved for the Tinian airport using CIP monies. The company designed the West Tinian Airport facilities improvements and provided construction management services during the construction phase of the project. It completed its services under the contract in December 2008.

The Taniguchi Ruth Makio Architects, which performed other services for the West Tin-

ian Airport facilities, discovered that Leo A. Daly's design and construction did not comply with the American with Disabilities Act's requirements in various sites, including the restrooms. Specifically, the restroom doors and stalls are too narrow to allow for ADA compliance and the sinks do not allow wheelchair access as required by the ADA.

The architects also found that Leo A. Daly's design and construction of the facilities did not comply with the CNMI Building Safety Code.

CPA then hired the engineering firm GK2 to evaluate the structural integrity of the facility. The engineers, according to the complaint, found many deficiencies in the design produced by Leo A. Daly. The evaluation determined that the terminal did not comply with typhoon or earthquake protection standards applicable to Tinian. The structural deficiencies, CPA said, require major structural reengineering and retrofitting.

On March 28, 2011, CPA told Leo A. Daly about the design flaws to have it fix the defects. In response, the complaint said, Leo A. Daly repudiated its contractual responsibilities on April

The CNMI government also sued Leo A. Daly in 2009 due to the defective design of the Commonwealth Health Center's dialysis center. The parties reached a \$2 million settlement in 2010. (Ferdie de la Torre)

US, Japan, Australia air forces set training

The U.S. Air Force and Navy, Japan Air Self Defense, and Royal Australian Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla and Warning Area 517.

The Navy will conduct training on FDM on the following dates and times:

- Feb. 6, from 10am to 10pm ■ Feb. 7, from 10am to 11pm
- The U.S. Air Force and Navy, Japan Air Self Defense and Royal Australian Air Force will conduct training on FDM on the following dates and times:
 - Feb. 8, from 7am to 11pm
- Feb. 9, from 8:30am to 3pm

The Air Force and Navy will conduct training at W-517 on the following dates and times:

- Feb. 7-8, from 8am to 5pm The Air Force will conduct training at W-517 on the following dates and times:
- Feb. 9-10, from 8am to 5pm The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. (USN)

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Burglary at trades institute

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on a burglary and theft incident that occurred at the Northern Marianas Trades Institute in Lower Base.

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012, at approximately 7:30am. Police were notified about the burglary that occurred overnight. The suspect(s) gained entry to the warehouse by climbing through an opening in the roof.

The items stolen include three overhead projectors (Epson/ Optima brand), two blue Acer laptops, one 3-gigabyte Galaxy Tab, eight Dewalt 220-volt electric drills, and one Dewalt jackhammer. The items stolen are estimated to be at over \$6,000 in value.

DPS and Crime Stoppers are seeking help from the public. Please contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at www.nmicrimestoppers.net Crime stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. It pays to call. (PR)

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JESUS A. DELEON **GUERRERO** and VISITACION T. DELEON 11 - 0061 SECOND NOTICE

CIVIL ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Foreclosure Sale Order, dated October 19, 2011, issued by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Defendants Jesus A. DeLeon Guerrero and Visitacion T. DeLeon Guerrero's interests in Tract 22508-6, located in Saipan, CNMI, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, on terms and conditions set forth herein

<u>Date, Time and Place of Sale.</u> The Sale will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Law Offices of O'Connor Berman Dotts & Banes, Second Floor, Marianas Business Plaza, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be

Inspection of Property. The property is described as Tract 22508-6, (part of original Tract 22508, AH 246), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2114/89, the original of which was recorded 28 June 1989 as Document No. 89-2006 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute the basis for any claim, adjustment, or rescission of the auction sale. The approximate size of the lot is 3,287 square meters, it is located on Gaole Drive in AsLito, Saipan and it is improved by a single storey concrete dwelling approximately 1,034 square feet in size. Information concerning the property can be obtained by contacting Francisco Ermitanio of Wells Fargo Financial, Inc. at Tel. No. 235-6030.

Warranties and Covenants. The property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant express or implied for the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any remedy on account thereof.

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 Consistent with the laws of the
 Commonwealth of the Northern
 Mariana Islands governing auction
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 following rights and duties in
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 withdraw the property listed for sale withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; 2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before the property is struck off, without incurring any liability
- whatsoever thereby; and 3) to reject any or all bids for any reason.

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- C) Payment. The successful bidder shall pay ten percent (10%) of the purchase price to the undersigned immediately after the auction sale is completed. The balance must be paid to Plaintiff, in care of the undersigned. within five (5) calendar days of the sale. If the balance is not paid within five (5) calendar days of the sale, Plaintiff will retain the deposit as liquidated damages and the property may be resubmitted for sale, or sold to the next highest bidder, at Plaintiff's
- D) Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the Plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2012.

/S/ Gregory J. Koebel Gregory J. Koebel – F0177 O'Connor Berman Dotts & Banes, Court-Appointed Auctioneer

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published

- i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot No. 237 E 02, containing an area of approximately 5,751 square meters, more or less, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.
- ii. The prospective lessee is Marianas Meat Harvesting Corporation. The Directors of the Corporation are Mr. Joseph Borja, Mr. Anthony Pellegrino, and Mr. Paul Zak.

The Officers of the Corporation area Mr. Joseph Borja - President, Mr. Anthony Pellegrino - Treasurer, and Mr. Paul Zak - Secretary / Vice President.

- iii. The proposed lease was negotiated by Mr. Joseph Borja and Mr. Anthony Pellegrino.
- iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of developing and operating a USDA certified meat slaughtering facility and related activities.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years, with an option to extend the lease for an additional 15 years. The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the

- v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.
- vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in
- vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before February 14, 2012 at the Department of Public Lands offices located

NUTISIA PUT MAPROPONIN ATKILON TÅNU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106(b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipattamentun Tånu' Pupbliku guini ha nå'i nutisia ni intension-ña para u mana'ma'atkila pumalu na tanu' pupbliku siha giya Saipan. Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha. Maseha håyi na pattida siha gi halum i pupbliku heneråt siña ha na'hålum i imfotmasion, opiñon, pat testamoñun kinentra siha gi tinahguin propositu siha ni para i atkilon tånu' pupbliku. Sigi mås mo'na mapribeniyi ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesin imfotmasion ni madimånda ni debi na u mapupblika.

- i. I maproponi na atkilon tånu' pupbliku ha diskribi kumu Lot No. 237 E 02, ni kinonsisti åria kåsi guaha 5,751 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi giya Lower Base, Saipan. I kopian i lugåt gaigi gi pumalu na gumuaha gi Dipattamentun Tånu' Pupbliku siha ni para i rikunosimientu.
- ii. I manatkikila i Marianas Meat Harvesting Corporation . I Direktot i Corporation siha si Siñot Joseph Borja, Siñot Anthony Pellegrino, yan si Siñot Paul Zak.
- I Ufisiális siha gi árian Corporation si Siñot Joseph Boria Presidenti . si Siñot Anthony Pellegrino i Tresureru, van si Siñot Paul Zak - Sekritåriu /Sigundu Presidenti.
- iii. I maproponi na atkilon manigosiu gi as Siñot Joseph Borja yan Siñot Anthony Pellegrino.
- iv. I manatkikila debi na u usa i lugåt solamienti para hinangai developing yan operating i fasilidåt i USDA certified meat slaughtering van i mana'achuli' na aktibidåt siha.

I teman i maproponi na kuntråtan atkilon sa' 25 åñus, yan option para u ma'ekstendi i atkilon gi ta'lu 15 åñus.

- I maproponi na åpas atkilon gi sakkan gi duråntin i tema sigun gi percentage gi appraised fair market value gi propiedåt, ingklusu i prisenti na estroktura.
- v. Kopian i manmaproponi na kontråtan atkilon siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipattamentun Tånu' Pupbliku siha, gaigi gi sigundu bibienda 2nd floor gi Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; gi Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet 1st bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.
- vi. I Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha tåya' na ha risibi tinahguin propositu siha para sinuhetun atkilon tanu' pupbliku siha giya Lower Base, Saipan.
- vii.I Sekritåriun i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha debi na u aksepta i tinigi' i imfotmasion, opiñon yan testamoñun kinentra pat tinahguin propositu siha ginin i manggai interes na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Fibreru 14, 2012 gi ufisinan Dipattamentun Tånu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi Saipan, Luta, pat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL AKKILONUL FALÚWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil ye 106(b) mellól Alléghul Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, ekke atotoowow ammataf igha ebwe akkilaaló eghús falúw mellól Seipel, Commonwealth Téél Falúwasch Marianas. Schóókka remuschál emwal rebwe isisilong yaar mángemáng, data awewee, me angiingi reel pomwol akkilonul falúweer toulap. Sengi Alléghul Toulap ye 15-2, ebwal ayoora, lamal awewee kka rebwe mweiti ngáli milikka ebwe akkatééló.

- i. Pomwol akkilonul falúweer toulap nge ekke bwáári Lot No. 237 E. 02, eyoor Limwoow Sangaras, Fisabwughúw limeigh me eew laapal (5,751 square meters) elapeló me ngáre eghús, elo Lower Base, Seipel. Tilighial bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyool Falúweer Toulap(Public Lands) ngáre óubwe ghuley fischiy
- ii. Schéschéél schóól akkilón nge Marianas Meat Harvesting Corporation. Direkktoodol Corporation yel nge Mr. Joseph Borja, Mr. Anthony Pellegrino me Mr. Paul Zak.

Schóól officers il Corporation yel nge Mr. Joseph Borja-President, Mr. Anthony Pellegrino-Treasurer, me Mr. Paul Zak-Secretary/Vice President

- iii. Schóól aweweev akkilon vel nge Mr. Joseph Borja me Mr. Anthony Pellegrino
- iv. Schóól akkilon ebwe yááyá falúw yeel rel ebwe ayoora me angaanga eew leliyal lil maal iye USDA certified me bwal

Tool aighúghúl pomwol akkilon nge reweigh me limoow ráágh (25 years). Emmwel rebwe bwal sóóbwey ngáli seigh me limoow ráágh (15 years).

Pomwol méél akkilon nge ebwe mwiril sángi percentage il vaal appraised fair market value il falúw

- v. Tilighial akkilon yeel nge emmwel óubwe bwughi merel bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, elo aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) me Joeten Dandan Commercial Building Ilól Tuturam, Seipél; Songsong village, Luuta; me ngáre mmwal pwó (1st floor) mellól Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúvól,
- vi. Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge esáál bweibwogh mwo pomwol akkilon ye elo Lower Base, Seipél.
- vii. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughi ischil mángemáng, amweyút mmwal Febrero 14, 2012 mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap iye elo Seipél, Luuta, ngare Tchúlúvól.

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Sinking political discourse damages the nation

hile in St. Charles, Mo., on Monday seeking to bolster his flagging presidential campaign, former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., took aim at the two favored candidates duking it out for the GOP nomination.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., are waging a war in "gutter politics," as they spend millions of dollars on negative television advertisements, Mr. Santorum said.

While Mr. Santorum hardly is known for his positive political tone, he's got a point.

An overwhelming amount of the more than \$15 million spent by Mr. Romney or his surrogates in Florida went to advertisements attacking Mr. Gingrich's credibility, or lack thereof. Mr. Gingrich, in turn, has turned to calling Mr. Romney a "maniacal liar"

Frankly, both might be right.

But what does all this negative, attacking rhetoric say about the state of our politics in America today?

Former President Jimmy Carter, a Democrat, addressed the impact of all this negativity in an interview last week with Voice of America.

"This massive injection of millions and millions—hundreds of millions of dollars—and the spending of a lot of that money on a negative campaign to destroy the reputation and character of our opponents is what has divided our country. That division takes place not only in the congressional district or in a state, but it carries over into Washington. It also permeates, I think, the general society, where you have very rigid, now, blue states and red states, which we didn't really know when I was in politics," Mr. Carter said.

There always has been negative advertising in politics, but the increased divisiveness of our body politic, combined with the flood of millions of campaign dollars unleashed by the misguided Citizens United court decision, has led to what political advertising analyst Ken Goldstein of Kantar Media CMAG has called the most negative campaign he's ever seen.

Regardless of who ultimately wins the GOP nomination, the downward trend is bad for the long-term health of our nation.

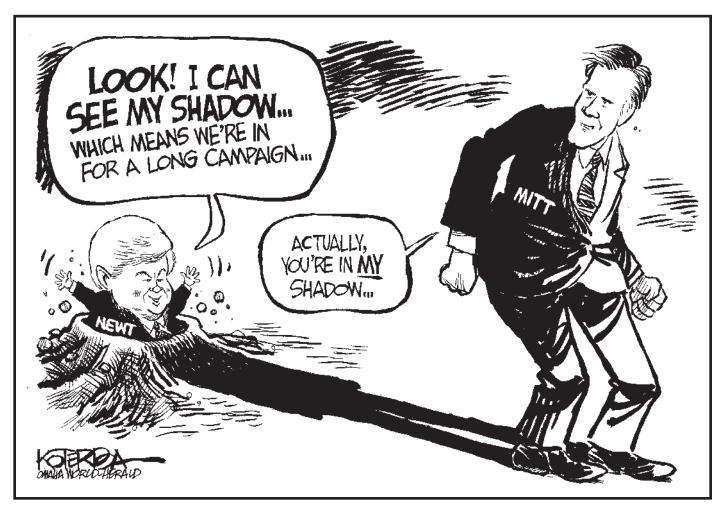
Mr. Carter points out that although he and Republican Gerald Ford, his opponent in 1976, campaigned hard against each another, their decision to not spend most of their campaign in the gutter led to a lasting respect and friendship. In fact, they made a pact that when the first one of the two men died, the survivor would deliver the eulogy at the other's funeral. Mr. Carter fulfilled his promise at former President Ford's funeral in 2007.

Does anybody who has been observing the vitriolic exchanges between Mr. Romney and Mr. Gingrich believe either man could make such a gentleman's agreement today?

Of course not. But that has become the nature of our political warfare. We no longer have "distinguished opponents," as Presidents Carter and Ford called each other, but combatants so focused on destroying each other that compromise—even decent conversation—becomes next to impossible.

Our nation deserves better.

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The Gingrich playbook

ewt Gingrich says he's staying in the Republican presidential race all the way to the GOP convention in August, and that he's willing—even eager—to fight for the nomination on the convention floor. But does he have a chance?

Gingrich and his aides seem to think so, and they have a theory of how they can wrest the nomination from Mitt Romney.

It begins with pushing Rick Santorum to the sideline and uniting the party's conservative majority behind Gingrich. That's why Gingrich claimed a victory in having turned the campaign into a twoman race in Florida on Tuesday night instead of conceding defeat.

Next, Gingrich needs to win some additional caucuses and primaries—the Minnesota caucus on Feb. 7, for example, and several of the seven primaries on Super Tuesday, March 6.

And even if all that broke Gingrich's way, he might still have to battle Romney for the nomination on the convention floor, an exotic scenario that Gingrich has embraced and says is part of his battle plan.

"It's very likely that at the convention there will be a non-Romney majority (of delegates), and maybe a very substantial one," Gingrich told reporters this week. "My job is to convert that into a Gingrich majority."

But even for a candidate who prides himself on thinking outside the box, the idea of a wide-open convention takes some imagination.

No major party has needed more than one ballot to choose a nominee since 1952, when the Democrats selected Adlai Stevenson. The 1976 Republican convention came close because neither President Gerald R. Ford nor challenger Ronald Reagan had a majority on opening night—but Ford still managed to win on the first ballot.

Gingrich and his aides point to several reasons their plan might work. One, as Gingrich noted, is that even though Romney is the front-runner, he still hasn't cracked 50% in a primary yet; most Republican voters would still prefer someone else. In exit polls in Florida, almost 4 out of 10 Republican voters said they weren't happy with their range of choices—and those were the ones who showed up at the polls.

Conservatives, the core of the party, are especially dissatisfied. In the Florida exit poll, Romney won 41 percent of self-described conservatives; Gingrich and Santorum combined won 53 percent.

The rules of this year's contest are a factor too. The Republican National Committee has decreed that primaries held before April 1 must allocate delegates among the candidates through proportional representation, not the old winner-take-all system. Florida didn't abide by that, but if the rule holds, it will make it harder for Romney or any other front-runner to wrap up the nomination early.

"The shortage of 'winner take all' contests ensures that no single race will either clinch the nomination for a candidate or knock the candidate out of the race," Gingrich strategist Martin Baker wrote in a memo distributed to reporters Monday. "This race is just getting started."

A leading scholar of the delegate selection process, Josh Putnam of Davidson College, says that though he considers it unlikely, the

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Gingrich scenario isn't impossible. "The more candidates remain in the race and remain viable," he said, "the more difficult it would be for any candidate to surpass 50 percent" in the delegate count.

But there are also weak points in the Gingrich strategy.

For one, conservatives haven't yet united behind the former House speaker—despite a television appeal from former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin to "vote for Newt. ... If for no other reason, to rage against the machine."

Polls in Florida and other states suggest that conservative voters who currently support Santorum would divide fairly evenly between Gingrich and Romney if they were forced to opt for a second choice.

And as much as Gingrich would like to declare Santorum out of the picture, the former Pennsylvania senator hasn't dropped out yet. Surveys released this week by Public Policy Polling, a Republican firm, showed Santorum leading in the nonbinding Missouri primary (Gingrich isn't on the ballot) and close behind Romney and Gingrich in Ohio.

Paradoxically, while Santorum's persistence makes it harder for Gingrich to win, it also makes an open, "non-majority" convention more likely—because it also makes it harder for Romney to amass a majority early.

"Santorum's presence in the race does potentially help Gingrich if his goal is to prevent a Romney nomination by creating a non-majority convention," Putnam said. "That's still a huge long shot, though."

Even in a system with fewer winner-take-all primaries, he noted, a front-runner such as Romney still has the advantage.

"The Democrats have had completely proportional allocation since the 1980s," he noted. "(They) have had some trouble wrapping nominations up, but none have gone to the conventions."

Here's one more paradox: Even if Gingrich succeeds in preventing Romney from winning a majority of delegates before the convention, that wouldn't guarantee Gingrich the nomination.

Romney and every other candidate will have months to woo delegates before they arrive in Tampa. And once the convention begins, there's no reason to expect Santorum or Ron Paul delegates would embrace Gingrich as their next-best choice.

So political junkies and journalists can dream all they want about the drama that an open convention would provide. It's just not likely to happen. And even if it did, it might well result in a thundering anticlimax: the long-expected nomination of Mitt Romney.

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America's waning influence

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s America in decline? Is our global influence waning?

Expect that question to get plenty of airtime as the presidential campaign heats up. According to the Republicans, President Obama's fundamental foreign policy problem is that he thinks America is a fading power and all we can hope for is to "manage the decline."

It's a claim that's long been echoing through the conservative blogosphere, and now the campaign trail. John Bolton, who's joined Mitt Romney's foreign policy team, minces no words: Obama "believes that the role of America in the world is to be a well-bred doormat." Romney (who wrote a whole book on the theme of American greatness) is equally strident: "I reject the view that America must decline." Obama might be inclined to "wave the white flag of surrender," he said, but "God did not create this country to be a nation of followers."

Stung by Republican attacks, Obama has been insisting that he's no declinist. In last week's State of the Union address, he nearly out-Romneyed Romney, proclaiming, "Anyone who tells you that America is in decline or that our influence has waned, doesn't know what they're talking about."

That's dangerous pabulum. Any honest diplomat will tell you that American power and global influence is waning, and if we shy away from acknowledging that fact, we'll only speed up the process.

American influence is waning for two reasons, the first of which should potentially be a source of comfort, not despair. While we continue to have the world's most formidable military, America's

power in the world is declining simply because once-weak states are growing stronger. Europe, despite its current woes, is an economic and diplomatic force to be reckoned with. China, India and Brazil are emerging as regional powerhouses with increasingly global reach.

As a result of "the rise of the rest," U.S. power is declining in a relative sense. In the last decade, for instance, our share of global output dropped from 23.5 percent to 19.1 percent. And this is a trend that began decades ago. In his 1987 National Security Strategy, President Reagan noted, "The United States no longer ha(s) an overwhelming economic position vis-a-vis Western Europe and the East Asia rimland." In 1990, President George H.W. Bushechoed this theme in his National Security Strategy: "It was inevitable that our overwhelming economic predominance after the war would be reduced."

If Reagan were alive today, conservatives would excoriate him as a declinist. But as Reagan recognized, a decline in relative American power is a good thing, not a bad thing—if we can turn rising states into solid allies. Remember "Gulliver's Travels"? True, it wasn't much fun for Gulliver to be the little guy in the land of Brobdingnagian giants, but it was even less fun to be a giant among the Lilliputians. Like Gulliver, America will prosper most if we can surround ourselves with friendly peer and near-peer states. They give us larger markets and improve burden-sharing; none of the global problems that bedevil us can be solved by the United States alone.

But there's another reason American influence is declining, one that should cause us far more concern. Obama put his finger on it during the State of the Union speech, when he asked whether we wanted to settle for being "a country where a shrinking number of people do really well, while a growing number of Americans barely get by."

By many measures, we've hollowed out the American dream: American life expectancy ranks well below that of other industrialized democracies, and the same is true for infant mortality rates and elementary school enrollment rates. We have the highest documented per capita incarceration rate in the world. And as the Occupy Wall Street movement has helped point out, we have greater income

inequality in this country than in any other state in the developed world—and most states in the developing world.

Denying this decline is beyond foolish. We can't remain a leader on the world stage if we accept domestic conditions that are moving perilously toward those of many Third World countries. And we can't have an honest discussion about needed reforms if our heads are stuck in the sand.

There's an irony here. It's usually conservatives who decry the culture of self-esteem: a mentality of entitlement in our schools, a "Lake Wobegon effect" that replaces tough standards and honest criticism with grade inflation and gold stars for all. But when it comes to America's global stature, it's conservatives who seem most intent on insisting that America deserves a gold star, without regard for actual achievement.

Despite his State of the Union rhetoric, Obama surely knows that the issue of America's decline is real. He should unapologetically tell it like it is. If we don't stop lying to ourselves, the decline will be both irreversible and steep.

Do you know how your iPad is made?

By WINIFRED C. CHIN

ecent revelations about the deplorable working conditions at an Apple factory in China provide a cautionary tale about globalization and consumerism.

On Jan. 26, the *New York Times* ran a front-page article that exposed some of the facts of life within Apple's Foxconn Technology factory in Chengdu, China. These include underage and underpaid workers, excessive overtime, seven-day workweeks, overcrowded dorms and dangerous conditions.

One day last May, a fire broke out in one of the buildings where employees polished thousands of iPad cases a day. "Two people were killed immediately and over a dozen others injured," the story said.

"Apple never cared about anything other than increasing product quality and decreasing production cost," Li Mingqi, a former Foxconn employee, told the *Times*.

Another former employee added, "You can set all the rules you want, but they're meaningless" if suppliers don't make "enough profit to treat workers well. If you squeeze margins, you're forcing them to cut safety."

Early in 2011, Steve Jobs met with President Obama on economic growth. He told the president he had no intentions of bringing Apple's manufacturing back to the United States. Furthermore, he warned that unless the United States became more business-friendly, it stood to lose its competitive edge against countries like China. He noted how easy it was to build a factory in China, where he didn't have to deal with tough labor laws or environmental protections or unions demanding better wages, benefits, and safe working conditions

Apple, one of the richest and most successful companies in the world, gained its wealth and power, in part, off the sweat of exploited Chinese workers.

Apple is not the only electronics company doing business in China. Dell, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Motorola, Nokia, Sony, Toshiba, and others manufacture there. All of these companies benefit from the appalling working conditions in China. Neither the American public nor the labor movement here would stand for such conditions.

But China is eager to overtake America as the No. 1 economic power in the world, and is willing to do so at all costs. That is why business and China make such excellent partners. Since Deng Xiaoping's economic reforms took effect in the 1980s, multinational corporations have poured into China to take advantage of its vast pool of cheap labor and natural resources.

At a time when America sure could use some manufacturing jobs to boost our own economy, it would be patriotic—and humane, given what we know of the overseas workplace—for those companies to bring some of those jobs back home.

And if they don't, then we—the wired, high-tech consumers—should be more conscious about the products we purchase.

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The US needs the UN, and the UN needs the US

an. 12 marked the second anniversary of the horrific earth-quake that ripped Haiti apart. While we quite properly remembered the unthinkable loss of Haitian lives that day, less well remembered were the deaths that same day of more than 100 U.N. officials in the collapse of the building that housed the headquarters of the U.N. mission in Haiti.

They were there in an effort to help the process of nation building in Haiti and to assist with humanitarian relief efforts there. Their deaths remind us that the United Nations and its staff members serve in many difficult places working on the most difficult issues. Their efforts serve us all.

Today's national security challenges are global in nature. Threats like terrorism, nuclear proliferation and pandemic disease respect no borders. America, the most generous country in the world, must play its part in countering these challenges but, particularly in these times of increased austerity, we must have partners who will join us in this effort.

First and foremost, we need a strong, efficient, well-run United Nations that can expand our global reach. A strong United Nations can help provide that global reach and influence required in responding effectively to these threats, and also in preventing them from becoming major crises.

A truly unique body, the United Nations offers us the ability to communicate and collaborate with nearly 200 countries, our fellow members, on a breadth of issues.

Sometimes, the messenger matters, and a messenger that represents the collective global community stands a better chance of persuading people to take action than one from any particular country, even our own. Unfortunately, there are members of Congress who would have us cut our support for the United Nations.

They mock the United Nations because we sometimes disagree with our colleague member states on some highly contentious issues. They forget that the U.N. Charter, a remarkable document, is largely influenced by American values. They choose to pick on an easy target for scorn, and they do so without proposing any reasonable alternatives. That represents short-sighted and misdirected thinking.

Whether providing famine relief, staunching nuclear proliferation, creating arms embargoes, blocking the travel and financial support of rogue actors, establishing global standards to prevent money laundering, or curbing the spread of pandemics like Avian Flu, the United Nations' work enables the United States to reap real

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Partnership for a Secure America

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national security benefits that advance American interests and make us safer and stronger here at home. The full range of U.N. agencies does the tough, thankless work

frequently forgotten and left off the pages of our newspapers. Especially as we withdraw from Iraq and Afghanistan we need to remember that it will be international organizations like the United Nations that will pick up a significant amount of the slack on political, humanitarian and development processes.

Without question our U.S. contributions to the United Nations must be judicious and prudent: accountability, transparency and effectiveness are essential for any organization, including the United Nations. At the same time, our ability to burden share with other nations helps defray costs, promote stability and enhance the impact of our resources. It is our greatest foreign policy "force multiplier."

Withholding U.S. funding weakens both our influence and support for our national priorities, while strengthening the hands of our adversaries.

The United Nations is an imperfect and sometimes very frustrating institution. I can sympathize with those who wish to lash out when the United Nations falls short of our expectations and aspirations for it. But I cannot agree that we should reduce our support for it.

By actively using all of the real foreign policy, national security and economic tools at our disposal, we help develop the international knowledge, capability and capacity required to help address challenges that, if left to fester, only eventually land on our doorstep. Many of those tools are provided through our membership in the United Nations.

Support for the United Nations is one of the most cost-effective ways for the United States to address global challenges and leverage our global leadership. The United Nations needs assertive, supportive American leadership; America needs a strong, effective United Nations.

ARRIVALS

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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.

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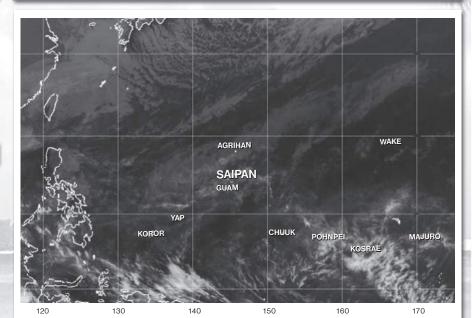
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from east of Minami Tori Shima at 25N164E to 22N158E then continues as a shear line to near Alamagan at 17N146E to finally end at 12N135E east of 158E. Patchy cloud cover and rain are found along and up to 250 miles northwest of this boundary west of 158E. Scattered showers are seen along and up to 300 miles northwest of the shear line. Converging winds south of the cold front are causing scattered showers northwest of Wake Island within 100 miles south of the cold front. A near-equatorial trough runs northwestward from EQ143E to 2N137E. Scattered showers are found well south of Yap between the equator and 3N from 137E to 142E. Convergence within trade-wind flow is causing scattered showers around Pohnpei within 100 miles of a line from 9N155E to EQ168E and just south of Majuro within 50 miles of a line from 5N172E to 7N180E.

Tides										
Saipan Harbor										
6:28 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet							
11:14 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet							
4:16 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet							
11:55 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet							

Sunr	ise/Sunse	et	Moonrise/Moonset					
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Sunday	6:45 AM	6:17 PM	Sunday	3:49 PM	4:11 AM			
Monday	6:45 AM	6:17 PM	Monday	4:45 PM	5:00 AM			
Tuesday	6:45 AM	6:17 PM	Tuesday	5:42 PM	5:48 AM			
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Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily				,
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota			,	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
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FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CATHOLIC 🗁

Mt. Carmel Cathedral Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro

Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro Parish office hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

Korean Center

Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish

Sunday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm)

Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated) Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass

Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm

Telephone no. 285-0273

Santa Soledad Mission Parish

Monday: 6pm Tuesday: 6pm Wednesday: 6pm Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass) Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass) Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am. Saturday: 4-6pm Telephone no. 256-4568

Saint Jude Parish

Monday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 7am Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm Office is close every Thursday and Telephone no. 288-0007

San Antonio Parish

Monday-Friday 6pm Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children) Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm Close on Sunday and Monday

San Francisco de Borja-Rota

Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro Wednesday:6pm English Thursday: 6am Chamorro Friday: 6am English Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog Sunday: anticipated mass

San Isidro-Rota

Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am Monday-Friday: 7pm Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish

Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy

Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament

Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday

Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-

12pm, 2-5pm Thursday: day off Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm

Telephone no. 234-6991

San Roque Parish

Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English Monday: 6pm English Tuesday: 6pm English Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil Thursday: 6pm English Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays) Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's

Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912. Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

San Vicente Parish

Monday-Friday: 6pm, Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm Parish office hours: daily 9-11am Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

Santa Remedios

Sunday: 8am Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm) Tuesday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm

PROTESTANT

Amen Church

Sunday: 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation: 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email: osevo@daum.net

Born Again Christian

(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night:

Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan

Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm Telephone no. 234-6026/27

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan

Worship Services: Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday Telephone no. 235-8540

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan

Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm Children Sunday School, 10:00am/

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm As Perdido Road

Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950 Tel. No. (670) 235-8590 Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

Episcopal/Anglican Church on

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am

Place: Ga Call 285-6081 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly,

Saipan Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service)

GBI Classes: 4-6pm Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through

out the week) Telephone no. 322-5680

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan

Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog) Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am

Immanuel United Methodist Church

Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday

Immanuel Methodist Church

Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158

(Filipino Congregation) Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal 8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)

Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage) (Korean Congregation) Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm Wednesday evening service: 8pm Daily morning prayer: 5am

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan

Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm, Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

Korean Presbyterian Church,

Sunday School: 9:20am Sunday Adult: 11am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan

Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-

Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan

English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry

Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian Church

Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 Contact Nick for

Marianas Bible Fellowship Center

Sunday School: 9-9:30am Divine Worship: 9:30-11am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)

Sunday worship 8:30am Sunday evening 7:00pm Prayer meeting, every Wednesday San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel Telephone: 789-7566

Saipan Christian Church

Sunday: 7:30am-10am

Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ

Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 10-11am Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

Saipan Community Church

(Sunday Services) Palau Service: 7:30am-9am English Service: 10am-11:30am Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan

(Saturday Church Services) Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church Koblerville

Sunday services: Sunday school 9:00am Morning worship 10:00am Evening service 6:00pm Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Chinese services Sunday morning 10:00am Sunday evening 7:00pm

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. Telephone No: 285-4661/2

Thy Word Ministries Saipan Faith Center

Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio. Beach Road in the

Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi

Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries

5:30am-6:30am Sunday Morning prayer 7am-9am English service 7am-9am Sunday school 10am-12noon English service, Koblerville Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church Gualo Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian

Fellowship Church Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship:10:30am Sunday PM Worship:7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

Victorious Christian Church

(Formerly God's Victorious Army) Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer

Meeting Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice

Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting

Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Feb. 4, 1999

Services fees are mandated, RP Consulate

The various fees being charged by the Philippine Consulate here are mandated and are uniformly applied in all consular posts, according to Vice Consul Ronell Santos. "We do not unilaterally impose the fees. They are mandated and we just follow the prescribed fees," he said. He responded to complaints aired by Filipinos in the CNMI over the fees charged on authentication, certificates and other official documentation emanating from the Consulate. According to Santos, the Consulate performs different functions and for each service there is a corresponding prescribed fee.

SGMA, Liz Claiborne reach agreement

Agreements were reached to fulfill Liz Claiborne, Inc. and Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association's mutual interests at a recent meeting with Paul Charron, Chairman of the Board of Liz Claiborne Inc. After concluding tours of all the factories manufacturing for the international fashion industry leader, Liz CEO Charron reported that every factory visited evidenced acceptable standards to continue their relationship, and each was now being required to utilize independent monitors to maintain their standards in the workplace and with their workers. These independent monitoring groups would assure Saipan Liz Claiborne apparel producers of continued contracts with the industry giant.

Feb. 4, 2000

DPL wants land cleared of PCB

The Division of Public Lands has asked the Division of Environmental Quality to first ensure that the area it has requested as a temporary burial place is free from contamination of polychlorinated biphenyls. DEQ has requested for a piece of land near the Lower Base Cemetery which has been ordered closed by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio since October 1999 due to widespread contamination of PCB. The U.S. Army Corps has yet to complete the cleanup of the Lower Base Cemetery which was suspended after the company it has contracted to do remove the contamination failed to finish the job.

Fishing business flourishes

So what if the tourism economy is down? The fishing business is not just surviving, in fact, it is doing well. As the local people have become health conscious, the demand for fish has increased, something which is difficult to imagine especially on this island where spam and barbecue have become a part of their daily meals. "It's a good business although our margin of profit is very small because we mainly buy our fish from the local fishermen," said Edward Calvo, operations manager of Island Farmers Market. The store barely advertises and the location is far from the main road but everyday the market would have clients lining up outside even before it opens at 8:00 am. Immediately, one would notice the cleanliness of the place. Interestingly, the market that sells 300 lbs. of fish everyday, does not smell either.

Feb. 4, 2002

US Labor sues 2 garment firms

The US Department of Labor is suing two Saipan-based garment firms for alleged failure to compensate their employees for the overtime work they have put in since December 1997. US Secretary of Labor Elaine S. Chao is seeking court injunctions against Marianas Fashions Inc. and Express Manufacturing Inc. based on allegations that the garment firms have violated provisions under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. Documents docketed at the US District Court reveal that the Marianas Fashions owes some 343 employees overtime pay dating back to December 1, 1997. The plaintiff, through trial attorney Barbara A. Matthews, said the Marianas Fashions has failed to maintain, keep records of employees' wages, hours and other conditions and practices of employment. The plaintiff, through trial attorney Barbara A. Matthews, said the Marianas Fashions has failed to maintain, keep records of employees' wages, hours and other conditions and practices of employment.

LPG firm withdraws Tinian expansion plan

The Commonwealth Ports Authority will start negotiations with the Saipan Industrial Gas Inc. for a possible expansion to Tinian, after another Saipan-based company relinquished its original plan. Carlos H. Salas, CPA executive director, said the proposal to build a gas plant on Tinian is in line with the projected demand on the island. Salas said negotiations between Saipan Gas and the CPA will begin as soon as some details are worked out.

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Still no word on PH Consulate shutdown

>> DFA assures needs of Filipinos in CNMI

By CLARISSA V. DAVID

he Department of Foreign Affairs in the Philippines has yet to make any official announcement about the possible shutdown of the Philippine Consulate General on Saipan but vowed to put into consideration the needs of the Filipino

workers who are currently here.

Consul General Medardo Macaraig said yesterday that DFA has not informed him of any final decision they have made.

"But I was assured that whatever decision that will be made on this matter, the needs of the Filipino community will be considered," Macaraig told Saipan Tribune.

The Philippine Consulate

General on Saipan is reportedly among the foreign posts that DFA plans to close down by the end of 2012.

At least 10 embassies and consulates will be affected by the agency's efforts to "rationalize" its limited resources. These other posts have been identified as the consulates general in Barcelona, Frankfurt, and Saipan and the embassies in Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, Romania, Palau, and Sweden.

Although there's no saying if and when the closure will be finalized, Macaraig expressed hope that he will hear from DFA before his regular meeting with Filipino community leaders next week.

"Hopefully, there will be a decision before I meet with the Filipino community. Once the decision is finalized, I will announce it during the meeting," he added.

Macaraig noted that while there are officials within DFA who support shutting down these consulates and embassies, there are also those who do not believe that closing down is the best option for Filipino communities in affected jurisdictions.

It has been reported that the Filipino community in Palau has already begun circulating a petition to keep the diplomatic post there open. Other Filipino workers have resorted to social media such as Facebook to oppose the closure of these offices.

Bong Malasarte, president of the United Filipino Organization, the umbrella organization of some 30 Filipino groups in the CNMI, said Thursday that they would want the continued services of the Philippine consulate on Saipan.

According to Malasarte, having a consulate on island is advantageous to Filipino workers who will directly benefit from their services

"If they're here, they can directly help Filipino workers who are in need of assistance. The consulate is beneficial for all of us," he said.

Should the consulates on both Saipan and Palau close down, Filipino workers can avail of consular services at the nearest consulate in Agana, Guam.

OLO offers Nihongo, car troubleshooting classes

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The Philippine Consulate General, through the Philippine Overseas Labor Office, will be conducting two more training courses for Filipino workers for the first quarter of 2012.

Welfare officer Julie Fabian said yesterday that they are now accepting applicants for Basic Automotive Troubleshooting and Basic Nihongo.

The Basic Automotive Troubleshooting class will run for six Saturdays, from Feb. 18 to March 24, 8:30am to 12:30pm, under the instruction of novice instructor Rosendo Maceda of Joeten Motors.

Meanwhile, Basic Nihongo will be handled by Jun Rodriguez for six Sundays, from Feb. 19 to March 25, 1:30pm to 5:30pm.

"We decided to provide additional courses to maximize our resources. Moreover, we had to wait for confirmation for our instructors who were able to find time out of their busy schedules to help their fellow Filipino workers on island gain new skills," Fabian told Saipan Tribune.

POLO earlier announced the schedule for two other courses. Tailoring and Dressmaking Batch 2 already started on Jan. 28 with 15 students. The course instructor is Domingo Del Rosario.

Basic Computer Operations II will have two classes, which begin today from 1pm to 4:30pm and from 5pm to 8:30pm under Jousel Regilme and Mar V. Masilungan.

All classes will be held at the Filipino Workers Resource Center at the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe.

As of yesterday, Fabian said

they have 45 enrollees for Basic Computer Operations II. "We are thinking of merging the two classes if no additional applicants enroll in the course," she added.

Fabian urged Filipino workers in the CNMI to learn new skills through their training courses, which are offered free of charge.

Interested applicants should bring their CW receipt/receiving copy from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, valid passport, and one ID picture.

For more information, visit the POLO office or call 235-3411 or 6992.

OWWA can now make presentations to companies with Filipino workers

By CLARISSA V. DAVID

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If you can't go to them, they will go to you.

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration said yesterday that that they are now accepting presentation requests from business establishments and companies with Filipino employees who want to know more about OWWA membership.

Welfare officer Julie Fabian said that this campaign is part of their efforts to bolster membership with OWWA, the government welfare institution that promotes the interest of Filipino

worker members with programs and services aimed at their social protection.

Fabian noted that there are Filipino workers who cannot find time to come to their office so they want to make the process easier for them. "We do make arrangements at the request of any company who has Filipinos as employees," Fabian told Saipan Tribune.

She emphasized that there is no minimum number of Filipino employees required for a company to request a presentation on the benefits of OWWA membership.

A minimal \$25 membership contribution per year entitles an membership.

OWWA member to numerous benefits and services, including insurance and health care benefits, education and training benefits, workers welfare assistance program, repatriation program, and reintegration program.

Fabian earlier said that an OWWA membership is a form of insurance for Filipinos working overseas, and its coverage applies even while the member is on vacation or loses his or her job within a one-year period from the date of signing up.

For the month of January, Fabian said a total of 161 Filipino workers signed up for OWWA

"That number is an indication that more Filipinos in the CNMI are starting to realize the importance of being an OWWA member because it really is a form of security for them," she said.

Fabian encourages those who have not signed up as OWWA members to visit the POLO-OWWA office at the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe and present a copy of their CW status or the USCIS receipt acknowledging their application, a valid passport, and the \$25 fee.

Call 235-6992 or 3411 to request for a presentation or for more information.



In this photo taken on Dec. 23, 2011, released by the Malacanang Palace in Manila, Philippine President Benigno Aquino III and South Korean national and a long-time resident of the Philippines Grace Lee, pose together at the Presidential Palace, in Manila, Philippines.

Secret's out: P'Noy dating Korean

MANILA, (AP)—Philippine-Korean relations have suddenly gotten warmer.

The Philippines' president, Benigno Aquino III, told reporters Wednesday that, yes, he is dating again. This time it's a South Korean woman who grew up in Manila and dated two other women. orks there as a TV show host and radio disc jockey.

Philippines Grace Lee said on her TV program that "what the president said is true.'

Aquino turns 52 next week, and his love life has been a source of speculation by the nation. Since becoming president in 2010, he has split up with a town councilor and then

Last year, he lamented that his love life was like Coke-Twenty-nine-year-old going from regular to zero.

hing chosen to lead Masons in 2012-2013

Wilfredo "Boy" Ching, the Filipino Mason who once served as the worshipful master for the Free and Accepted Masons of Emon Lodge No. 179, has been chosen anew to lead the fraternity under the Grand Lodge of the Philippines for 2012 to 2013.

Besides Ching, other incoming Mason officers are Edwin Arenas, senior warden; Pepe Crisostomo, junior warden; Casiano Bostre, treasurer; Daniel Banez, secretary; Victor Brana, auditor; Edward Cornette, chaplain: Isagani Benoza, marshall: Romeo Malasarte, senior dea-Melvin Demonteverde,

anchand, orator; Danilo San Pedro, lecturer; Roque Pagalanan,

Jr., almoner; Robert Murdock, Senior Steward; Jeffery Warfield, junior steward; Amando Neglerio, organist; and Elias Buenaventura, tyler.

The new set of officers will be installed Ching in a ceremony today at 6pm at the Saipan World Re-

sort's Royal Taga Hall. Ching recounted yesterday how difficult it was to be the leader of all Masons on island for the first time.

"But at this point, I have more exposure to all the masonic belooking forward to becoming want to join the fraternity. worshipful master once more," he told Saipan Tri-

> bune. Masonry, Ching said, is a "fraternity"

> and "a way of life." "It is the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. Whatever

teachings we learn we hope to act it out naturally in the outside world," he added.

According to Ching, the very symbol of masonry reflects the character of a mason or "a man dealing with another man."

A mason's straight or upright ways would help attract more

junior deacon; Bro. Celso Gi- havior and tenets, that's why I'm "petitioners" or individuals who

However, Ching described the process of getting into the fraternity as a "very humbling" one since no kind of educational attainment. social status, or amount of wealth matters when one decides to be a petitioner. "Everybody is on the same level," he added.

Ching expressed optimism that he will be able to achieve his target progression for the lodge through more exposure to charitable works.

"I hope to have more activities that demonstrate our community involvement and I enjoin every member to practice the masonic character inside and outside the lodge," said Ching.

Cebu Pacific plans long-haul flights

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— Low-cost airline Cebu Air Inc. says it will capitalize on trips made by millions of Filipino overseas workers by launching long-haul flights to the Middle East, Australia and the U.S. by mid-2013. President and CEO Lance Gokongwei told reporters Tuesday that the airline will lease up to eight Airbus A330-300 aircraft to serve the new markets. Popularly known as

Cebu Pacific, the airline flies more passengers than the country's flag carrier Philippine Airlines and holds half of the domestic market. By starting long-haul flights, it will follow in the footsteps of Malaysia's budget carrier AirAsia X. Gokongwei said they will offer the lowest fares possible. Cebu Pacific currently operates 10 Airbus A319, 19 Airbus A320 and eight ATR-72 500 aircraft.

AP: Filipino troops still searching for terrorist

By HRVOJE HRANJSKI and JIM GOMEZ

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—

The remains of a top leader of the regional Jemaah Islamiyah terror network have not been found, the Philippine military said Friday, a day after announcing that he had been killed in a U.S.-backed airstrike.

Troops on the ground were still combing the jungle camp that was hit Thursday for the body of Malaysian Zulkifli bin Hir, also known as Marwan, said regional military spokesman Lt. Col. Randolph Cabangbang.

Military officials said at least 15 people were killed in the dawn strike on a militant camp on remote southern Jolo Island, including two other high-level leaders. A military spokesman in Manila, Col. Marcelo Burgos, initially reported that Marwan was among them.

Marwan's death would mark a major success in disrupting a militant network blamed for some of the most spectacular bombing attacks in Southeast Asia in recent years. But if the initial report proves incorrect, it would turn a largely successful strike into at least a partial embarrassment for the Philippine military, while burnishing the reputation of the elusive terrorist.



Philippine National Police Special Action Forces and SOCO (Scene of the Crime Operatives) investigators examine the site on the island province of Jolo in southern Philippines where three most wanted leaders of the al-Qaida-linked terrorist groups Abu Sayyaf and Jemaah Islamiyah were among those allegedly killed in a U.S.-backed dawn airstrike Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012 in one of the most significant successes against terrorism in Southeast Asia in recent years.

The U.S. has offered a \$5 million reward for the capture of Marwan, a U.S.-trained engineer accused of involvement in deadly bombings in the Philippines and in training militants.

Cabangbang, who is based in southern Zamboanga city, from where the bomber planes in Thursday's strike took off, said that the military's announcement of Marwan's killing was

based on information provided by informants. He refused to elaborate, saying it would compromise their intelligence assets.

"We are still searching. Our troops are still there," Cabangbang said.

He suggested that the blast could have obliterated Marwan's body, saying the process of verification linked to the possible disbursement of the reward money to informants will be "more tedious" and could include DNA testing.

Two Philippine security officials with knowledge of the airstrike who spoke to The Associated Press also said Marwan's body was not found, though bombs shattered the house where he was believed to have been.

One of the officials confirmed the deaths of the other two other high-level leaders: Umbra Jumdail, who led the Philippinebased Abu Sayyaf militant group, and a Singaporean leader in Jemaah Islamiyah, Abdullah Ali, who used the guerrilla name Muawiyah. The other official confirmed only the death of Jumdail, also known as Dr.

Abu Pula, and his son.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters.

Cabangbang said the decision to announce the killings, including that of Marwan, was made by the chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Gen. Jessie Dellosa, after he was briefed by commanders.

"There are details that we cannot divulge because of operational security," he said when pressed for details.

A U.S. official in Washington confirmed the strike on Jolo Island, an impoverished region 600 miles (950 kilometers) south of Manila, and said the Pentagon provided assistance in one of the region's most successful anti-terror operations in years. The strike debilitated a regional militant network that has relied on the restive south-Philippines—sometimes called Southeast Asia's Afghanistan—as a headquarters for planning bombings and a base for training and recruitment.

About 30 militants were at the camp near Parang town on Jolo, the stronghold of the Abu Sayyaf and their allies from the mostly Indonesian-based Jemaah Islamiyah, when it was bombarded by two OV10 aircraft dropping 500-pound (227-kilogram) bombs at 3 a.m., regional military commander Maj. Gen. Noel Coballes said.

"Our report is there were at least 15 killed, including their three leadership," he said. "This is a deliberate, fully planned attack coming from our forces."

The rest of the militants es-

caped and no one was captured, Coballes said.

American counterterrorism troops have helped ill-equipped Filipino troops track Marwan for years using satellite and drone surveillance. About 600 U.S. special forces troops have been deployed in the southern Philippines since 2002, providing crucial support for the Philippines' counterterrorism operations. U.S.-backed Philippine offensives have been credited for the capture and killing of hundreds of Abu Sayyaf fighters and most top leaders since the 1990s.

In Washington, a U.S. official, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the record about the operation, confirmed the Pentagon had aided the strike. He was not specific about the contribution and did not know how many people had been killed in the operation.

Marwan's death would represent the most important success against Jemaah Islamiyah since the January 2011 arrest of Indonesian suspect Umar Patek in Pakistan's garrison town of Abbottabad, where Osama bin Laden was killed in a U.S. commando attack four months later.

Patek and Marwan allegedly collaborated with the Abu Sayyaf in training militants in bomb-making skills, seeking funding locally and abroad and plotting attacks, including against American troops in the southern Philippines.

Patek is believed to have returned to Indonesia then gone to Pakistan, leaving Marwan to take charge in the southern Philippines, military officials say.

Kidnapped Filipino's daring escape

By OLIVER TEVES
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MANILA, Philippines (AP)—As his kidnappers took him in a speeding boat toward a notorious militant stronghold in the southern Philippines, Ivan Sarenas decided that he would die if he didn't try to escape. When he saw some fishermen, he took his chance, diving deep and hoping his armed

captors wouldn't shoot.

The Filipino wildlife photog-

rapher, seized with two European tourists during a bird-watching trip, escaped Wednesday and spoke to The Associated Press on Thursday. The tourists Sarenas was guiding, Dutch Ewold Horn and Swiss Lorenzo Vinciguerra,

remain missing.
"I am still traumatized," Sarenas said. "I have guilt and concern for the welfare of my companions."

Sarenas said he, Horn, and Vinciguerra arrived in Tawi-Tawi, the Philippines' southernmost province, on Sunday in search of the Sulu hornbill, said to be the most endangered hornbill in the world.

Tawi-Tawi is famed for virgin beaches surrounded by crystal blue waters but, like the most of the restive southern Philippines, it is undeveloped for tourism because of years of violence, including ransom kidnappings, bomb attacks and fighting between troops and Muslim rebels.

After spending three days in a mountain forest, the three were heading back to the provincial capital of Bongao by boat Wednesday when five rifletoting gunmen on another boat fired warning shots and intercepted them, Sarenas said.

They were transferred to another boat, then a third boat. About two hours later, about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sarenas

decided to jump over after he realized they were being taken north, in the direction of Jolo Island in the adjacent Sulu archipelago, the stronghold of the brutal Abu Sayyaf group.

Sarenas "My assumption
ciguerra, was we were heading to Jolo.
That's why I became scared be-

cause my life would be worthless once I reach Jolo," he said, recalling reports of the militants' atrocities, including beheadings of hostages.

He said he informed Horn and Vinciguerra of his plan. "They said, 'Go. Good luck,'" he said.

He got his chance when they were about 700 yards (meters) from the shore. He saw three small boats with fishermen. He said he gambled that the gunmen wouldn't shoot him with so many witnesses around.

He removed a tarpaulin cover

over him and his companions. An M16 rifle fitted with a grenade launcher was lying on the boat's floor; he held the muzzle to prevent the weapon from being pointed at him. Then he said he quickly rolled over to the side of the boat.

"I made a deep dive because I was afraid they would shoot me," said Sarenas, a triathlete.

The kidnappers did not fire and left him in the waters where fishermen soon rescued him. He was brought to a village in Languyan township and later to a police station.

Sarenas said Vinciguerra worked as a taxidermist for a museum in Switzerland and Horn as a freelance taxidermist.

"Some of the birds they have mounted they wanted to see in the wild," Sarenas said.

Muslim insurgents have been fighting for minority self-rule in the predominantly Christian nation's south, and the Abu Sayyaf is the most violent group. The militants have been holding an Australian man abducted in December, as well as a Japanese and a Malaysian.

Tawi-Tawi Gov. Sadikul Sahali said the birdwatchers were accompanied by a town councilman and an unarmed police officer because the foreigners refused armed escorts.

After seizing them, the gunmen ordered the councilman, the policeman and the skipper out of the boat before escaping with their captives. A look at major attacks in the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia attributed to the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group and their allies from the region

■ April 1995: Abu Sayyaf militants raid the mostly Christian town of Ipil in southern Philippines, killing more than 50 people after robbing banks

and stores and burning the

al terrorist network Jemaah Is-

town center.

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■ April 2000: Abu Sayyaf gunmen seize 21 people, including Western tourists, from a Malaysian resort and take them to their Philippine stronghold on Jolo Island; most are released in exchange for millions of dollars in ransom reportedly paid by Libya.

May 2001: Americans and other tourists are snatched from the Dos Palmas resort in the southwestern Philippine province of Palawan, starting a yearlong kidnapping saga that leaves several hostages dead, including Americans Guillermo Sobero and Martin Burnham.

■ August 2001: 33 Christian

residents of Balobo village on southern Philippines' Basilan Island are taken hostage and 10 are beheaded.

Major terror attacks in Southeast Asia

■ October 2002: Triple bombings on Bali, Indonesia, kill 202, mostly foreign tourists, including 88 Australians. Police say al-Qaida helped fund the attacks.

■ October 2002: A nail-laden bomb detonates in Zamboanga city in southern Philippines, killing four, including an American Green Beret. Four more bomb attacks during the month, killing 16, are blamed on Abu Sayyaf.

■ August 2003: A suicide bomber attacks the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Jakarta, killing 11.

■ February 2004: A bomb on a passenger ferry in Manila Bay kills 116 in the Philippines' worst terrorist strike.

■ April 2004: Three crewmen of a Malaysian tugboat are abducted off Malaysia's Sabah state; they are believed to have either died of illness or killed by their captors.

■ September 2004: A suicide bomber detonates a ton of explosives packed into a deliv-

ery van outside the Australian Embassy in Jakarta, killing 11 and wounding 200.

■ February 2005: Almost simultaneous bombings in Manila and two southern cities kill eight and wound more than 100

■ October 2005: Triple suicide bombers kill 20 in attacks on restaurants in Bali.

■ January 2009: Gunmen on Jolo kidnap three aid workers of the International Committee of the Red Cross from Switzerland, Italy and the Philippines. They are freed separately, reportedly after ransom is paid

■ July 2009: Suicide-bomb attacks on the J.W. Marriott and Ritz Carlton hotels in Jakarta kill seven people and wound more than 50.

■ July 2011: Filipino militants kidnap an American, her teenage son and Filipino cousin. She is freed two months later and the boy escapes in December.

■ February 2012: Gunmen seize two tourists, one Dutch and one Swiss, in Tawi-Tawi province in southern Philippines.

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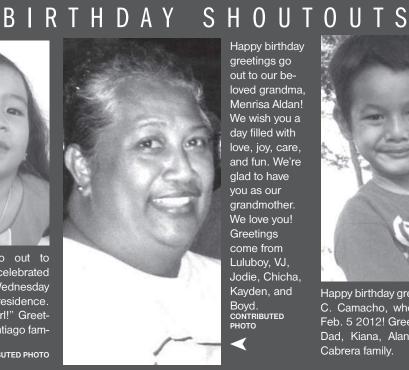
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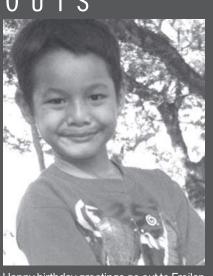
San Vicente Elementary School's 3rd grade student Lance Christian A. dela Torre receives four awards-Certificate of Achievement, Citizenship Award, Certificate of Virtue, and Perfect Attendance Award—during yesterday's Report Card Day for the 2nd quarter. Dela Torre's teacher is Ms. Rhonda Doris N. Camacho.

Birthday greetings go out to Donalyn Santiago who celebrated her 2nd birthday on Wednesday with a party at their residence. "We love you sweet girl!" Greetings come from the Santiago fam-

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy birthday greetings go out to our beloved grandma, Menrisa Aldan! We wish you a day filled with love, joy, care, and fun. We're glad to have you as our grandmother. We love you! Greetings come from Luluboy, VJ, Jodie, Chicha, Kayden, and



Happy birthday greetings go out to Froilan C. Camacho, who turns 9 this Sunday, Feb. 5 2012! Greetings come from Mom, Dad, Kiana, Alana, and the Camacho-Cabrera family.

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Business

Pew study: Facebook users get more than they give

By BARBARA ORTUTAY

AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

YORK (AP)—The goody-two-shoes among us say it's better to give than to receive. That's not true for the average Facebook user, though.

A new study out Friday found that the average user of the world's biggest online social network gets more than they give. That means more messages, more "likes" and more comments. Yes, even more "pokes."

Behind all that is Facebook's relatively small group of "power users," who do more than their share of tagging, liking and uploading. The report from the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project comes two days after Facebook filed for a \$5 billion initial public offering of stock that could eventually value the company at \$100 billion.

Key to that mammoth valuation will be Facebook's ability to convince advertisers they can make money from the billons of connections and interactions that people partake in on its website and beyond. Though Pew's findings don't address the commercial side of people's activities, they shed important light on how people use the site and what they get out of it.

The study is the product of ity that Pew logged. Pew's analysis of Facebook users' activities in November 2010. It consisted of data that Facebook provided to Pew after 269 users gave their permission. Those users were identified through a random telephone survey about broader Internet issues.

The researchers found that about 20 percent to 30 percent of Facebook users fell into the "power user" category, though they tended to specialize in different types of activities on Facebook. Some of them sent a lot of friend requests, while others tagged more photos than the average user. Only 5 percent were power users in every activ-

The way this plays out is that the average user is more "liked" than they click "like" on other's posts. They receive more friend requests than they send. On average, 63 percent of Facebook users studied received friend requests in the survey month while only 40 percent made a friend request.

The result? It feels good to be on Facebook. It might even feel better than life off Facebook. After all, there's no dislike button, and friends are unlikely to post harsh comments on your page. Instead, people you might not have seen in years bombard you with positive affirmations day after day, year after year.

"You keep getting all these wonderful positive rewards," said Keith Hampton, the study's main author and a Rutgers University professor. "That's pretty hard to give up."

Getting more than you are giving, in terms of emotional support, "is kind of what you are looking for," he added.

This might be the lure of Facebook, the reason it could be worth \$100 billion and the reason it has 845 million users who are not leaving even if they've been on the site for years. The study found no evidence of "Facebook fatigue," the idea that people get tired of Facebook after they've been on it for a long time.

Retailers deliver solid sales gains for January

NEW YORK (AP)—Americans were shopping in January, but not every store was feeling the love

Retailers reported mixed sales results for the month in a sign that U.S. consumers continue to be cautious about when and where they spend their money in the shaky economy

Overall, merchants on Thursday reported a 4.8 percent increase for January, according to the International Council of Shopping Center's tally of 20 retailers. That's above the 3 percent gain that ICSC had expected.

But the results were divided. Retailers like Target that sell basic household goods did well, as did chains like Saks that cater to wealthier shoppers. Meanwhile, Macy's and other stores that sell mid-price clothing posted disappointing results.

"The take away is that the underlying demand is still there, but business continues to be uneven," said Michael P. Niemira, ICSC's chief economist. "It was definitely a divided picture."

The results provide a glimpse into the psyche of the American consumer. January

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices

hovered above \$96 a barrel Fri-

day in Asia as traders awaited a

key jobs report for evidence about

the strength of the U.S. economy.

delivery was up 4 cents at

\$96.40 a barrel at midday Sin-

gapore time in electronic trad-

ing on the New York Mercan-

tile Exchange. The contract

fell \$1.25 to settle at \$96.36 on

Brent crude was up 30 cents

The Labor Department is

scheduled to release January

employment figures later Fri-

at \$112.37 a barrel on the ICE

Futures Exchange in London.

Thursday.

Benchmark crude for March

typically is the time when stores offer deep discounts on winter stuff so they can clear it out to make room for spring merchandise. This past January, the average consumer continued to focus more on buying what they need, while unseasonably warm weather made markdowns on puffy coats and furry boots at mid-priced chains unappealing.

Industry watchers look closely at retailers' monthly sales numbers, but only a small number of retailers report those figures. Home Depot, Best Buy and even Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, don't report monthly revenue. A fuller picture of January spending will come in a government retail sales report that will be released Feb. 14.

There's no doubt, though, that retailers have been affected by consumers' finicky shopping habits. January's reports of revenue at stores open at least a year—a gauge of a retailer's health—show that Americans were most willing to shop at discounters and wholesale clubs that offer more of a variety in merchandise.

Costco continued its streak,

day, data analysts consider one

of the most important measures

of economic health. The U.S.

created 200,000 jobs in Decem-

ber with an unemployment rate

of 8.5 percent, and economists

expect about 140,000 jobs were

The four-week average of

unemployment claims fell to

375,750, the lowest since June

2008 and enough to suggest a

steadily improving job market,

Oil has slid from above \$100

last week amid investor concern

that rising U.S. crude invento-

ries reflect waning demand.

the department said Thursday.

added last month.

reporting that revenue at stores open at least a year climbed 8 percent, helped by higher gas prices. Results topped expectations the 6.1 percent predicted by analysts polled by Thomson Reuters.

Target Corp. also said revenue at stores open at least a year rose beat Wall Street estimates. The retailer reported a 4.3 percent in January, compared with the 2.1 percent expected by analysts. The company said in a recording that some of its strongest performers were shoes, health care products and boys' and girls' clothing.

The luxury sector also did well as well-heeled shoppers continued to buy. Saks Inc. posted revenue at stores opened at least a year that rose 10.5 percent during January, driven by sales of women's apparel, handbags and men's accessories.

Meanwhile, stores that sell clothing faced big challenges due in part to the weather. The Bon-Ton Stores Inc. reported a 3.5 percent decrease in revenue at stores opened at least a year. Tony Buccina, president of merchandising, blamed the poor performance on the mild winter.

California woman's small claims victory resonates

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Heather Peter's computer crashed under the onslaught of messages following her unique victory over Honda in small claims court—a win the California woman is hoping will lead other consumers to reject a class action settlement over defective hybrid cars.

Peters, who was at the center of a whirlwind as she welcomed camera crews to her home, said she has received more than 500 Facebook messages and had 6,000 hits on her website following a court decision awarding her \$9,867 and finding Honda misled her into thinking her Hybrid could get 50 miles per gallon. She said the 2006 model, which she still owns, gets about 30 mpg.

Peters' win in small claims court was a unique end run around the class action process and set the stage for others to follow suit. She sees her victory as benefiting not just Honda owners but all consumers.

"To me this is really about

the decline in customer service in America and how we have rolled over and accepted it for too long," she said. "People are mad as hell and they're not going to take it."

Class action lawsuits typically give small settlements to all members of the class. In the Honda suit, the company has offered \$100 to \$200 to each owner of an under -performing hybrid along with a \$1,000 coupon to some toward purchase of a new car.

Peters, a former lawyer, said she is renewing her legal license after a 10-year lapse so she can consult with other Honda owners She said she is also posting all the paperwork from her small claims suit online as a guide for others contemplating such suits.

There appear to be many of them across the country, with Peters sharing dozens of e-mails sent to her by Honda owners who are opting out of the class action and filing their own suits.

But Professor Laurie Levenson of Lovola University Law School said Honda may have suffered something much worse than a possible flood of small claims actions.

The worst part for Honda is they've been branded as committing fraud," she said. "That's not good for sales. It's a P.R. disaster and sometimes that costs more than the judgment."

One Honda owner in Texas was among those taking action.

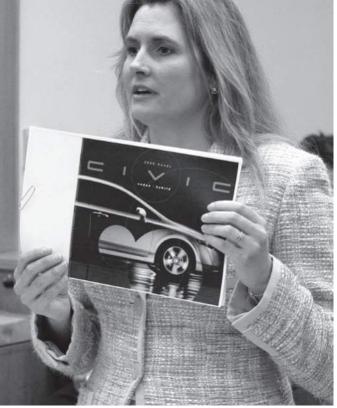
"I have already sent in my letter opting out of the class action," said Darrell Stevens of Houston, Tex. who said in a phone interview that he has already filed his small claims action against Honda.

Oil hovers above \$96 ahead of key US jobs report mal in Europe as the sovereign

debt crisis worsened, demand for oil in the U.S. has also surprised to the downside," Bank of America Merrill Lynch said in a report. "Despite the apparently better economic data, U.S. oil consumption has been particularly hit by

mild winter weather." Capital Economics said it expects Brent to fall to \$100 by the end of this quarter and to \$75 by the end of next year.

In other energy trading, heating oil was steady at \$3.05 per gallon and gasoline futures were up 0.4 cent to \$2.87 per gallon. Natural gas fell 2.3 cents to \$2.53 per 1,000 cubic feet.



In this Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012 file photo, Heather Peters, who says her 2006 Honda Civic Hybrid never achieved the gas mileage Honda claimed in its advertising, and also did a computer upgrade that further diminished the mileage, pleads her case in Small Claims Court in Torrrance, Calif., Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012.

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Trump endorses Romney after a puzzling Vegas day

LAS VEGAS (AP)—With his trademark flair for spectacle, Donald Trump endorsed Mitt Romney for president Thursday on the famed Las Vegas strip just hours after Newt Gingrich's advisers were spreading the word that The Donald would be anointing him instead.

Trump's endorsement seemed likely to affect this Saturday's Nevada primary—and the GOP nomination fight in general about as much as a Sin City breeze disturbs the real estate mogul's legendary hair. But he managed to create a stir of a different sort, at least for a day.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Roseanne Barr is running for the Green Party's presidential nomination—and she says it's no joke.

The actress-comedian said

in a statement Thursday that most bemused to be caught up she's a longtime supporter of the party and looks forward to working with people who share her values. She said Democrats and Republicans aren't working in the best interests of the American people.

Barr has submitted paperwork to the Green Party for her candidacy. The party's presidential nominee will be selected at a convention in Baltimore in July.

Barr's hit TV sitcom "Roseanne" aired from 1988 to 1997 and earned her an Emmy and a Golden Globe. She played a wise-cracking mom in the comedy about a blue-collar family. Barr has a 46-acre macadamia nut farm in Hawaii.

Romney said he was glad to get the support, but he seemed al-

in the Trumpian drama.

"There are some things you just can't imagine happening. This is one of them," Romney said with a smile, looking out at the reporters and cameras jammed into the lobby of the hotel complex that bears Trump's name. The real estate mogul had entered to applause, with Romney and his wife, Ann, at his side

"Mitt is tough, he's smart, he's sharp and he's not going to allow bad things to continue to happen to this country we all love," Trump said. He vigorously shook Romney's hand and said, "Go out and get 'em. You can do it."

But the endorsement was just the finale for a puzzling chain of events that began Wednesday when Trump's office announced

he would be flying to Las Vegas for a "major announcement" related to the presidential contest. Trump had announced last spring he would not run for the Republican nomination but had hinted as recently as last month that he might run for president as an independent.

What would he say in Las Vegas? Gingrich advisers suggested Trump had sent "signals" that he planned endorse the former House speaker. The Gingrich team began leaking word of an impending endorsement to news organizations including The Associated Press.

Nope. Reporters learned Thursday that Trump would be endorsing Romney instead.

Earlier, on a tour of a Las Vegas manufacturing facility, Gingrich made clear he had gotten the message.

"No," the former House speaker replied when asked if he was expecting Trump's endorsement. He added that he was amazed at the attention Trump was getting.

Romney hasn't always been Trump's man.

In an interview with CNN last April, Trump dismissed Romney as a "small business guy" and suggested Bain Capital, the venture capital firm where Romney made his millions, had bankrupted companies and destroyed jobs.

"He'd buy companies, he'd close companies, he'd get rid of jobs," Trump said.

Romney, for his part, turned down an invitation to participate in a presidential debate that Trump planned to moderate in Iowa in December, leading Trump to cancel the event. And

while Romney, like most of the GOP hopefuls, visited Trump at his office in Manhattan to discuss campaign strategy, he slipped in and out of the building without speaking to reporters.

Trump has played an unusually prominent role in the presidential contest since last spring, when he mused publicly about joining the Republican field.

He also stirred controversy and considerable criticism during that time by openly questioning the validity of President Barack Obama's birth certificate, lending credence to the chorus of "birthers" who say Obama was not born in the United States and not eligible to be president. The fuss pushed Obama to release a long-form version of his birth certificate, showing he was born in Hawaii in 1961.

US Archives unveils Magna Carta after repairs

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 715year old copy of Magna Carta will soon return to public view at the National Archives after a conservation effort removed old patches and repaired weak spots in the English declaration of human rights that inspired the United States' founding documents.

The National Archives unveiled the medieval document Thursday in a specially humidified glass and metal case. It is the only original Magna Carta in the United States and will return to public display Feb. 17.

A \$13.5 million gift from philanthropist David Rubenstein funded the conservation, the custom-built case and a new gallery being renovated to host Magna Carta. Rubenstein bought the historic document at auction in 2007 for \$21.3 million and sent it to the National Archives on a long-term loan.

Rubenstein, a co-founder of the private equity firm The Carlyle Group, said he sought the document previously owned by Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot because he wanted to keep it from leaving the country.



Carlyle Group co-founder and owner of Magna Carta David Rubenstein looks at the 1297 Magna Carta in its new state-of-the-art encasement, Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, at the National Archives in Washington.

As a history buff, Rubenstein has become an expert on Magna Carta's legacy dating to 1215. That's when noblemen came led to the principle of "no taxa-

together to declare their rights to King John, including the first limits on arbitrary taxation that tion without representation" and the right to a trial by jury.

"This became something that set the trend for common law" in Britain and later in the United States as founding fathers referred back to Magna Carta, Rubenstein said. "If you read the early writings of Hamilton and Jefferson and Adams and Madison, many times they say it's because of the Magna Carta that we're doing this."

There are 17 surviving copies of Magna Carta. Fifteen are in Britain, and one is displayed at Australia's parliament.

The U.S. copy was one of four reissued in the year 1297. It still carries the wax seal of King Edward I of England, which is attached by a ribbon under the document. The 1297 document became the law of the land in England.

It's central to the founding of the United States because the colonists argued they were entitled to the rights under Magna Carta as Englishmen, Rubenstein said. But King George disagreed, so the colonists chose to break away.



Groundhog Club handler Ron Ploucha holds Punxsutawney Phil, the weather prognosticating groundhog, during the 126th celebration of Groundhog Day on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pa.

Groundhog wars: Rodents diverge on winter forecast

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP)—Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil told people to prepare for six more weeks of winter on Thursday, making him the minority opinion among his groundhog brethren who seem to think that spring is coming early.

But with such a mild and relatively snowless winter so far, who can tell the difference?

Phil's "prediction" came as he emerged from his lair to "see" his shadow on Gobbler's Knob, a tiny hill in the town for which he's named about 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Yet groundhogs in at least five other states-West Virginia's French Creek Freddie, tario's Wiarton Willie or Nova Scotia's Shubenacadie Sam.

The Groundhog Day celebration is rooted in a German superstition that says if a hibernating animal casts a shadow on Feb. 2, the Christian holiday of Candlemas, winter will last another six weeks. If no shadow is seen, legend says, spring will come early.

Temperatures were near freezing when Phil emerged at dawn—unseasonably warm for Punxsutawney—and were forecast to climb into the mid-40s in a winter that's brought little snow and only a few notably cold days to much of the East.

Organizers expected 15,000 to 18,000 people to witness the prognostication ceremony that was held just before 7:30 a.m.

And the ceremony is largely that: Phil's prediction is determined ahead of time by the Groundhog Punxsutawney Club's Inner Circle, a group who dons top hats and tuxedos and decides in advance what the furry creature will predict.

Maine girl bouncing back after 6-organ transplant

HOLLIS, Maine (AP)—A 9-year-old Maine girl is home from a Boston hospital healthy, active and with high hopes and a new stomach, liver, spleen, small intestine, pancreas, and part of an esophagus to replace the ones that were being choked by a huge tumor.

It's believed to be the firstever transplant of an esophagus and the largest number of organs transplanted at one time in New England. Spunky and brighteyed as she scampered around her family's farmhouse outside Portland, Alannah Shevenell said Thursday that she's glad to be feeling well again and able to

go sledding, make a snowman, work on her scrapbooks and give her grandmother a little good-humored sass.

The best part, though? "Being home," she said. "Just being

It was 2008 when Alannah, then 5, began running a fever and losing weight while her belly swelled. Doctors discovered the tumor that year and twice attempted to remove it, as it made its way like octopus legs from organ to organ. But it was difficult to access what turned out to be a rare form of sarcoma, said Debi Skolas, Alannah's grandmother, and chemotherapy

didn't do the trick, either.

All the time, the growth known as an inflammatory

myofibroblastic tumor—continued to grow in her abdomen, causing pain, making it hard to eat and swelling her up with fluid. Surgery was the last resort to save her life, and Alannah spent more than a year on a waiting

list for the organs, said Dr. Heung Bae Kim, the lead surgeon on the procedure at Children's Hospital Boston.

The family was told there

was a 50 percent chance Alannah wouldn't survive the procedure. But without it, she had no chance whatsoever.

> Things were more tense than celebratory in October when doctors prepared to remove the growth and the organs in one fell swoop and replace them with organs transplanted in one tangled piece from

The hardest part was taking out her organs and the tumor, Kim said, calling it a difficult operation with lots of blood loss.

another child of similar size.



Shevenell

Georgia's Gen. Beauregard Lee, Michigan's Woody the Woodchuck, Ohio's Buckeye Chuck and New York's Staten Island Chuck (full name: Charles G. Hogg)—did not see their shadows. Nor did On-

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Asia

Supreme Court to charge Pakistani PM with contempt

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's top court vowed Thursday to charge the prime minister with contempt for failing to reopen an old corruption case against the president, escalating a crisis that could oust the premier from office.

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani told his parliament that he

ple remained missing Friday.

had not given up hope of finding more survivors, though the swell and winds were rising and some victims may have been trapped

"I do not presume them to

Owners of MV Rabaul

Queen, Papua New Guinea-

based Rabaul Shipping Com-

pany, said Friday there had

been 350 passengers and 12

crew aboard the 22-year-old

Japanese-built ferry when it went down Thursday morning

while traveling from Kimbe

on the island of New Britain to

the coastal city of Lae on the

main island. A police official

said most of those aboard were

students. "We are stunned and

utterly devastated by what has

happened," managing director

Peter Sharp said in a statement.

be dead yet," he told Australian

inside the sunken ferry.

Broadcasting Corp.

would appear before the Supreme Court as ordered to hear the charges against him on Feb. 13.

The political turmoil could complicate U.S. efforts to patch up its troubled anti-terror alliance with Pakistan and get the country to focus on helping wind down the decade-long war in neighboring Afghanistan.

Nearly 250 of 362 saved from Papua New Guinea ship

Pakistan's foreign minister said Thursday that the country would be willing to push the Taliban and their allies to make peace if asked to do so by the Afghan government, an action seen as key to the reconciliation process.

Gilani could face up to six months in prison and be disqualified from holding public office if convicted of contempt.

The announcement was ab escalation in a case that has dogged Pakistan's democratically elected government since 2009, when the Supreme Court ordered it write to Swiss authorities requesting they reopen a corruption case against President Asif Ali Zardari that dates to the late 1990s.

The government has refused, claiming the president enjoys immunity from prosecution while in office.

Gilani's lawyer, Aitzaz Ahsan, tried to convince the judges to drop contempt proceedings against his client Thursday, but after five hours of debate, they said he would be charged.

Government supporters say the court is trying to oust Zardari because of enmity between many say are existential threats the president and the chief justice. They also claim the most powerful institution in the country, the army, has turned up the pressure on the government behind the scenes.

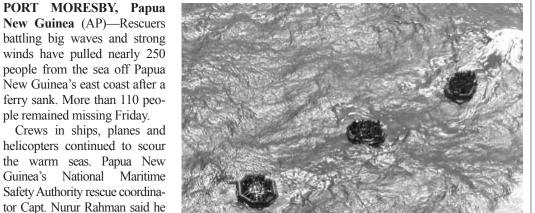
Encouraged by the army, the court has opened a separate inquiry threatening Zardari, focused on a secret memo allegedly sent by the government to Washington last year asking for help in stopping a supposed military coup.

The government has denied the allegations, and the case appeared to lose steam last week when the main witness refused to come to Pakistan to testify.

The legal tussles have consumed Pakistan's highly polarized political and media elite, distracting attention from what to the country like an ailing economy and a violent Islamist insurgency.

The U.S. wants Pakistan to focus on facilitating peace talks between the Taliban and the Afghan government. Pakistan's role is vital because it has strong historical ties with the militant group, which many believe continue to this day, and insurgent leaders are thought to be based in the country.

The peace process has picked up momentum in recent months with the Taliban's decision to set up a political office in the Gulf state of Qatar to facilitate negotiations. Progress has been limited, hampered by distrust among Afghanistan, Pakistan and the United States.



Three life rafts from the MV Rabaul Queen float above the sunken hull of the ferry in the open waters off Papua New Guinea's east coast, Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012.

The company said the cause of the disaster remained unclear, but National Weather Service chief Sam Maiha told Papua New Guinea's Post-Courier newspaper that shipping agencies had been warned to keep ships moored this week because of strong winds.

An official at the scene told the newspaper that the ferry capsized in rough seas and sank four hours later.

By nightfall Thursday, 246 survivors had been rescued by merchant ships battling 16-foot (5-meter) swells and 45 mph (75

kph) winds at the disaster scene 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of Lae and 10 miles (16 kilometers) from shore, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority said.

AMSA spokeswoman Carly Lusk on Friday could not explain why the new figure was eight greater than the tally of 238 survivors released by her agency late Thursday.

Capt. Rahman said the sea temperature was above 68 degrees Fahrenheit (20 degrees Celsius)—warm enough for people to survive for an extended period.



A soldier of Pakistan's paramilitary force stands outside the Supreme court building during the proceedings in Islamabad, Pakistan on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012.

North Korea opens door to talks with South Korea

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—North Korea is open

to immediate talks with rival South Korea if Seoul responds to several preconditions for dialogue, a North Korean military official told The Associated Press on Thursday.

But Ri Son Gwon, a colonel working for the Policy Department of the North's powerful National Defense Commission, also challenged South Korea to "state to the world whether it honestly intends to enter into dialogue with us."

The comments came a day after a senior U.S. diplomat said Washington is open to settling a nuclear standoff with North Korea through diplomacy if Pyongyang first improves ties with Seoul.

"The South speaks loudly of dialogue in public, but behind the scenes it also says it cannot shake the principles that plunged North-South Korean ties into complete deadlock," Ri said in an interview

in Pyongyang.

"If clear answers are given, dialogue will resume immediately," said Ri, dressed in an olive green military uniform. "The resumption of dialogue and the improvement of relations hinge completely on the willingness of the South's government."

In the form of an "open questionnaire," the North's defense commission also laid out nine points for South Korea to respond to, including ending U.S.-South Korean military drills. The statement, however, backed away from earlier vows to shun Seoul's conservative leader.

South Korea quickly called the statement "unreasonable." U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland, asked about the North's questionnaire, said, "We've long said no preconditions."

But analysts said the statement's timing and the change in tone after weeks of Pyongyang

refusing to talk with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak could signal a willingness to ease tensions.

The North's defense commission also said South Korea should apologize for failing to show proper respect to Kim Jong II during the mourning period that followed the late leader's Dec. 17 death. It also posed questions about Seoul stopping criticism of Pyongyang over two deadly 2010 attacks blamed on North Korea, and following through on previous agreements that call for South Korean investments in the North.

The North also said U.S.-South Korean military drills must end. "It does not make sense to sit face to face with (an) enemy carrying a dagger by the belt and talk about peace," the North's statement said. Pyongyang calls the drills a rehearsal for war. A round of military exercises by the allies are to start later this month.

(AP)—Ukrainian nuclear experts say Japanese evacuated from around the stricken Fukushima nuclear plant should be able to return to their homes—unlike the Cher-

century after the accident there. The public may eventually be able to visit the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, where three reactor cores melted after a tsunami last March 11 knocked out the cooling systems, Oleg Nasvit, a nuclear physicist and radiation expert at Kiev's National Institute for Strategic Studies, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

nobyl site, which remains inside

a wide no-go zone a quarter-

Ukrainian government officials Nasvit and Dmytro Bobro said a crucial lesson from the 1986 Chernobyl disaster is that the government needs to tell people the truth so that they can make informed decisions about their future.

"Residents can understand the consequences and make realistic decisions only based on accurate information." Bobro said on a visit to Japan to attend a seminar on the Fukushima crisis sponsored by the Japanese government.

Chernobyl experts hopeful on Fukushima

Japanese authorities and regulators have been repeatedly criticized for how they handled information during the unfolding nuclear crisis. Officials initially denied that the reactors had melted down, and have been accused of playing down the health risks of exposure to radiation. An outside panel investigating the government response to the nuclear crisis has also called for more transparency in relaying information to the public.

After declaring that the Fukushima plant was stable in December, Japan has set guidelines that allow residents to return to areas with contamination levels below 20 millisieverts per vear—about three CAT-scans which it says is safe, although a further reduction is required.

More than 100,000 people were displaced from a 12-mile (20-kilometer) no-entry zone.

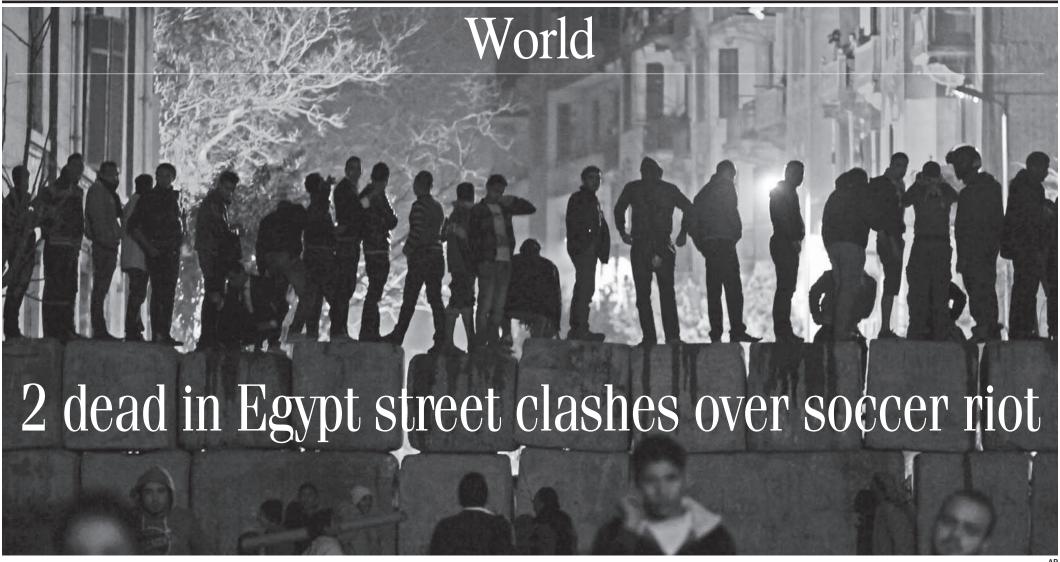
Any decision on whether to allow residents to return should be based on radiation dose levels rather than distance from the plant, Nasvit said.

"If people like to return and they will have a dose of less than 20 millisieverts per year, according to international standards this is possible," Nasvit said. "This is not about this circle of 20 kilometers but it is about the radiological situation. If this is from the radiological point of view permissible, why not return part of this territory to people?"

But further decontamination efforts are a must, he said.

This week, the chief of Kawauchi village, which straddles the exclusion zone around the Fukushima plant, told more than 2,500 residents that returning to areas of the town outside the no-go zone would be safe during an ongoing radioactive decontamination. Mayor Yuko Endo said offices, schools and other public facilities will reopen in April.

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Egyptian protesters stand on a cement block barrier separating the interior ministry from Tahrir Square, Cairo, Egypt Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012.

CAIRO (AP)—Police shot and killed two protesters in Suez, Egypt, early Friday, a health official said, the first to die in clashes that erupted around the country after a riot at a soccer stadium killed 74, as sports violence spiraled into a new political crisis for Egypt.

Protesters blame police for failing to control the riot after the soccer game in Port Said. In Cairo, thousands demonstrated Thursday in front of the Interior Ministry, which oversees the police. Demonstrators threw rocks, and police responded with clouds of tear gas. Hundreds were treated by medics.

In Suez, witnesses said about 3,000 people demonstrated in front of police headquarters after news spread that one of the victims in the Port Said riot was from their city.

Police responded with tear gas and then opened fire, witnesses said. Health official Mohammed Lasheen said two men were killed by bullets. Fifteen other protesters were wounded, he said.

The deaths of 74 people Wednesday night in a post-match stadium riot in the Mediterranean city of Port Said fueled anger at Egypt's ruling military and the already widely distrusted police forces. Many in the public and in the newly elected parliament blamed the leadership for letting it happen—whether from a lack of control or, as some alleged, on purpose. Survivors of the riot described a nightmarish scene in the stadium. Police stood by doing nothing, they said, as fans of the winning home team, Al-Masry, attacked supporters of the top Cairo club, Al-Ahly, stabbing them and throwing them off bleachers.

A narrow exit corridor turned into a death trap as crowds of fans fled into it, only to be crushed against a locked gate as their rivals attacked them from behind.

A network of zealous Al-Ahly soccer fans known as Ultras vowed vengeance, accusing the police of intentionally letting rivals attack them because they have been among the most aggressive of Egypt's revolutionaries. Ultras were at the forefront of the anti-government uprising—first against toppled leader Hosni Mubarak a year ago and now against the military that took his place in power.

"Either they will die or we will die," one Ultra said, referring to the police, as he joined a march by some 10,000 people on the Cairo headquarters of the Interior Ministry, which oversees the security forces. He would only give his first name, Islam, for fear of reprisal by police.

The march turned into a call for the ruling military council of generals, led by Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, to surrender power.

"Say it out loud, the council must leave!" the marchers chanted, shouting to people in residential buildings along the way. "Get down from your balconies, Tantawi killed your children!"

The military has faced protests for months led by secular and liberal youth groups demanding an end to its rule—and the soccer riot added to criticism that the generals have mismanaged the transition from Mubarak's rule. Opponents accuse the generals of being as autocratic as the ousted president and

of preserving much of his regime. They say elements in the police and former regime figures have been working behind the scenes to undermine the revolution and prevent real change.

"We dreamed of change. They fooled us and brought us a field marshal instead," protesters chanted Thursday as they reached the Interior Ministry, near Tahrir Square. Some called for the execution of the military rulers. Many raised flags of the Al-Ahly club and Zamalek, another top Cairo team with its own group of Ultras.

The crowds approached the ministry from multiple sides. Some tried to dismantle walls of large concrete blocks that had been erected on streets leading to the ministry after November clashes. Others tore away barbed wire barriers.

Protesters hurled stones at lines of riot police, who responded with heavy barrages of tear gas that sent the crowd scattering, some passing out and falling. Protesters set tires on fire, sending up black smoke as motorcyclists ferried away the injured. One young man who climbed atop a traffic light waving a flag was unmoved even as he was engulfed in a cloud of gas.

"We are just across the street from the ministry," said one protester, Taha Mahfouz, wearing a helmet and waving a club that he had taken from riot police. "They can't protect their own stuff. How can they protect the country?"

The Health Ministry said 388 protesters were injured, most overcome by gas.

In an emergency session of parliament, several lawmakers said the police failure to stop the rioting was intentional, aimed at stoking insecurity since Mubarak's ouster on Feb. 11, 2011. The aim, they said, was to create instability to justify maintaining strict emergency laws.

"This is a complete crime," said Abbas Mekhimar, head of parliament's defense committee. "This is part of the scenario of fueling chaos against Egypt."

Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri told parliament he had dissolved the Egyptian Soccer Federation's board and referred its members for questioning by prosecutors about the violence. He also said the governor of Port Said province and the area's police chief have resigned.

Tantawi told reporters Wednesday that the country's transition will not be derailed by the violence.

"Egypt is going down the path we planned," he said. "We will continue down this path and we will get through this transition."

Security officials said 47 people were arrested in Port Said. Ismail el-Iskandarani, a researcher with the private group Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights who was in Port Said, said 17 of the dead remain unidentified and at least three of those killed were residents of Port Said, and not Al-Ahly sports fans.

The soccer violence—the world's deadliest in 15 years—began when Al-Masry pulled out a surprise 3-1 victory over Al-Ahly, Egypt's most powerful club. Al-Masry fans stormed the field, rushing past lines of police to attack Al-Ahly's Ultras.

"I saw death with my own eyes. I

saw people take their last breath," said Samir Saad, a 27-year old Al-Ahly fan who was stabbed in the leg as he fled into the stands. "The security opened the doors for Al-Masry fans and closed (them) in our face."

Others reported Al-Ahly fans being thrown from the stands or jumping to escape. Some said Al-Masry supporters carved the words "Port Said" into the bodies of stricken fans.

Authorities shut off the stadium lights, plunging it into darkness. In the exit corridor, the fleeing crowd pressed against a chained gate until it broke open.

"Everyone was pushing. Under me were more than three people and I am being pushed. Everyone is pushing trying to breathe," said Mahmoud Ibrahim, who was trapped in the corridor. He spoke at Cairo's main morgue where many of the dead were taken, including two of his friends.

There was bad blood between the two teams even before the match, and many were itching for a fight. Early in the game, Ultras raised a banner reading, "Port Said is a garbage city and has no men," before it was quickly taken down.

Ultras accused police of failing to do the usual searches for weapons, and witnesses reported fans in the Al-Masry stands had clubs and knives. El-Iskandarani, the rights worker investigating the violence, said witnesses reported that some of those carrying knives were known locally as thugs-for-hire.

Pedro Barny, a Portuguese assistant to Al-Ahly coach Manuel Jose, complained of a lack of security as the tensions mounted during the game.

WORLD BRIEFS

6 dead, 20 wounded in new attack on Colombia cops

VILLA RICA, Colombia (AP)—Assailants in pickup trucks fired homemade mortars at a police station in this western town Thursday, killing at least six people and wounding more than 20, the regional police chief said. The Cauca state police chief, Col. Ricardo Alarcon, said it was too early

to assign blame. But President Juan Manuel Santos and his defense minister both said they had no doubt the authors were the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, the country's main insurgency. The 1 p.m. attack in this town of 15,000 people about 15 miles (25 kilometers) southeast of Cali, the country's third-largest city, came a day after a bomb

planted in a tricycle killed nine people and wounded 76 outside a police station in the Pacific port of Tumaco as lunch hour was ending.

Serbia: 11,000 trapped in remote villages by snow

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP)—At least 11,000 villagers have been trapped by heavy snow and blizzards in Serbia's

mountains, authorities said Thursday, as the death toll from Eastern Europe's weeklong deep freeze rose to 123, many of them homeless people. The harshest winter in decades has seen temperatures in some regions dropping to minus 30 C (minus 22 F) and below, and has caused power outages, traffic chaos and the widespread closure of schools, nurseries and airports.

The stranded in Serbia are stuck in some 6,500 homes in remote areas that cannot be reached due to icy, snow-clogged roads with banks reaching up to 5 meters (16 feet). Emergency crews were pressing hard to try to clear the snow to deliver badly needed supplies, and helicopters were dispatched to some particularly remote areas in Serbia and neighboring Bosnia.

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Young Style

nnie Olson of Holland, Mich., felt just like the small crustaceans she loved to collect while vacationing on Florida's Sanibel Island. Growing up, she was as shy as the tiny creatures that duck back inside their shells at the first sign of danger.

It wasn't until later that she understood that by gathering seashells, she caused the deaths of hundreds of animals that felt safe inside their homes. She quit collecting snail specimens "cold turkey," when she realized the cruelty of her actions. It was much later she discovered the "guiltless seashells" hidden deep inside herself that eventually replaced her collection addiction.

Up to that time, Olson's life was filled with the kind of excitement most of us only dream about. She sold her bike to raise money to pay for her first flying lesson at the age of 16. Her parents supported her desire to fly. "I was so shy, my parents thought it would be good for me," she said. It was during those lessons that she met her first husband, a Tlingit Indian who would take her to his southeastern Alaska home when she married him at age 19. From there, she and her husband, public relations director for the National Congress of American Indians, moved to Washington, D.C., where they worked to protect the rights and interests of all American Indians.

She met actor Marlon Brando, also an advocate for American Indians, who asked the couple to represent him at the premiere opening of "The Godfather," for which he won the Oscar for Best Actor in 1973. Brando scandalized Hollywood by refusing the award in protest to bring attention to the country's treatment of American Indians.

Olson returned to her hometown of Holland in 1980, divorced and with three children. She enrolled in college at the age of 36 and discovered herself. It was a long journey that all came to-

She sells seashells, no shore

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI

gether when her life history professor told her to write and talk about a subject she knew well, the Tlingit Indians. It was then she learned the true path her life had taken.

"The reality hit me. It was almost like God convincing me to see our history with my mind instead of my eyes. It hit me on my heart, the reality of what we have done. And I saw it is all connected—all as one thing and the same. ... I became an environmentalist," she said. Her discovery became life changing. She adopted the snail as her personal totem and the shells sprang forth from her hands, in the form of her polymer clay seashell art.

You can view Olson's animals and shells at http://anniesarc.com on the Web, where you can read about her fascinating life, order her earth-friendly products, or purchase kits with all the

supplies you will need to make your own seashells. Each kit includes the exact amount of clay you need to make eight seashells, which can be turned into earrings and necklaces. Olson provided instructions to make the one you see here.

Supplies you will need:

1-inch ball of white polymer clay. 1/4-inch balls of clay in three different colors.

On your work surface, roll the four balls into 2-inch-long cylinders.

Equally space the colored clay lengthwise on top of the white clay. With the palm of your hand, gently roll them together until the colored clay is level with the white. The combined cylinder should be about 4 inches long. Break the cylinder into two equal pieces to make two shells.

Take one section and place on your work surface. Use the palm of your hand to roll the clay away from you, taking care not to roll it back and forth. Use your small finger to hold the point of the end in place and continue to roll with your flat palm. This movement

will cause the colors to spiral around the cone the same way a real shell is created by the animal inside.

Roll the cone into a tight flat coil starting with the thinnest end. With help from an adult, bake your shells in a 275-degree oven for 15 minutes.



When raindrops fall, you can be indoors stringing clay beads for colorful bracelet

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI

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Legend says that Rain Day in Waynesburg, Pa., began in 1874 when a local farmer said rain almost always fell on July 29, which was also his birthday.

Waynesburg is a small town of about 5,000 residents 60 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

The farmer mentioned the phenomenon at the local drugstore, which inspired the pharmacist to continue the farmer's practice of tracking the weather each year on that date.

Although details seem to vary with the telling, town locals seem to agree that in the 1920s, Byron Daly took over the record keeping.

Daly began betting (I imagine with

out-of-towners who didn't know the local tradition) that it would rain on that day. Usually, the wager was for a new hat.

Daly's son John, an attorney, was known for his soft-spoken manner and gentlemanly ways and always tipped his hat to the ladies. He took over the chores from his father and the tradition continues to this day. A local journalist, John O'Hara, began sending stories about Rain Day to newspapers in the 1930s. Since then, such notables as Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Johnny Carson and Jay Leno have bet on the outcome of the Waynesburg weather and always for a hat.

Records indicate that since 1874, it has rained 112 out of 136 years in the borough of Waynesburg.

The annual Waynesburg Rain Day Festival runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday.

If you can't make it to the festival this year but it rains in your neighborhood, learning how to make and string polymer clay beads into a bracelet is the perfect indoor activity for you.

You will need help from an adult to bake the clay.

Supplies you will need:

- Polymer clay in several colors.
- Fine wire, embroidery thread or elastic.
- Toothpick.
- Glass baking dish.
- Plastic beads (optional)

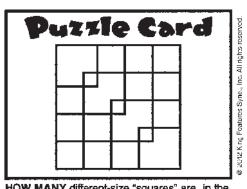
Using package directions, heat the oven to the proper temperature.

To make the two-color twisted beads, roll clay into strands and twist them together. Roll the strands around a toothpick, then carefully remove the toothpick.

To make round beads, work the clay into a ball, then decorate with smaller pieces of clay. You can then roll the small pieces into the large ball or leave the bead three-dimensional. Make holes in the beads with a toothpick. Make sure you make the hole large enough to slide your string through.

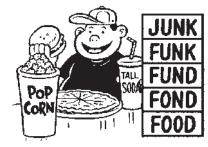
Bake the beads as directed. String your beads onto your wire or thread and tie off. If you would like, use plastic store-bought beads for spacers.





HOW MANY different-size "squares" are in the above drawing?

Answer 27.



AN ODD CHALLENGE! Challenge your friends to devise a way for a farmer to put 21 pigs in four pens and still have an odd number of pigs in each pen. Our drawing shows how this is done with the fourth, larger pen surrounding the other three pens. In this way, each pen contains an odd number of

2. An eagle's nest.

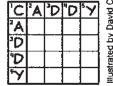
A famous march.

PAR HERE IS FOUR! At the right is a Word Square. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words used must read the same across and down.

- 1. Carries the clubs (in place).
- 3. A serious play.

Causes dough to rise.

Answers: 1. Caddy, 2. Aerie, 3. Drama, 4. Dimes, 5. Yeast.



SOME SALTY PROBLEMS!

In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed JUNK to FOOD in four moves. See if you can change each of the following words in four moves and in less than five minutes.

- 1. FORE to HAND
- 2. POND to LAKE
- 3. MAIM to WELL
- 4. RATS to PEST
- 5. SCOW to BOAT

4, RATS, PATS, PASS, PAST, PEST, 5, SCOM, SCOT, SOOT, BOOT, BOAT. 3. MAIM, MAIL, MALL, WALL, WELL. 1. FORE, FARE, HARE, HARD, HAND.

by Samantha Weaver

- It was 19th-century German philosopher, composer and poet Friedrich Nietzsche who made the following sage observation: "At times one remains faithful to a cause only because its opponents do not cease to be insipid."
- Despite all the cartoons you've seen throughout your life, rabbits generally prefer greens to carrots, and mice would rather eat grains and fruit than cheese.
- The area that is now the state of California had a population of about 700 in 1854. In 2010, the population had increased to 37,253,956. In the span of just over one and a half centuries, the population increased a whopping 53,000 times.
- Rice paper is not made from rice. It's made from the pith of the rice paper plant.
- You may be surprised to learn that, according to the National Sleep Foundation, 33 percent of all preschoolers have a TV in their room, and 20 percent of infants and toddlers have one.
- If you ever make a trip to Italy (lucky you!) and visit the town of Modena, be sure to go to the bell tower. There you might see an item that is, to the best of my knowledge, unique in the world: a wooden bucket that started a war. In 1325 a group of soldiers from the then-citystate of Modena raided rival city-state Bologna and returned home with the bucket. Greatly desiring to get the bucket back, Bologna declared war. The war raged on for years, but Bologna never did get its bucket back.
- If you're a schoolteacher in Arkansas, you should be aware of an arcane law there: If you bob your hair, you'll be ineligible for a pay raise.

Thought for the Day: "A committee is a cul-desac down which ideas are lured and then quietly strangled."—Sir Barnett Cocks

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Couplets Dog Dragon

Fireworks Goat Horse

Monkey Rabbit

Red envelopes Snake

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle The idea of Go Figure is to arrive 28 at the figures given at the bot tom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order X to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the

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nine numbers only once.

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MAGIC MAZE ANSWER

GO FIGURE ANSWER

Be a responsible pet owner

February is Responsible Pet Owners Month, and while I sometimes grouse about events that designate a specific period of the year to do something that should obviously be done every single day, I think it's a worthy way to enlighten new pet owners or those thinking about getting a pet on how to care for that pet. So, how can you be a responsible pet owner?

If you're considering getting a pet:

- Study and learn all you can about the pet or breed you're interested in.
- Consider adopting from a shelter
- Avoid buying dogs from puppy mills, at flea markets or other sketchy places.
- If buying from a breeder, research and consider carefully before making a purchase.

If you already have a pet:

- Spay or neuter your pet.
- Do more than just provide food, water and shelter: Give your pet lots of love and attention.
- Teach your children how to properly care for pets and how to play responsibly with them.
- Provide regular, daily obedience training to your dog.
- Keep your cat indoors.
- When taking your dog out for a (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.



walk, follow your town's leash laws and pick up after it.

■ At dog parks, follow the posted rules. Owners who don't follow rules can put the park at risk of being shut down. Don't be that guy.

There are, of course, many other ways to be a responsible pet owner. But this is a good time to review the way you care for your pets, the routines you've fallen into, the training you've meant to start -- and to plan new fun and activities for your pets and family.

Send your questions or tips to ask@ pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.

Mighty fine salsa and homemade chips

omemade salsa stirred up with sun-ripened tomatoes from our backyard vines is a special treat reserved for summertime snacking. That's what I thought until our neighbor Bryce popped by during a January snowstorm with a bowl of his "Mighty Fine Salsa" to warm us up. But how did he do it? After all, fresh tomatoes can be rather peaked, tasteless and expensive at the market this time of year.

"It's all in the secret ingredient," he whispered. "Canned tomatoes. No one will ever know." And he's right. This salsa is not only mighty fine, but mighty

Make up a batch, and add fun-shaped homemade chips. Why eat boring triangular chips out of a bag when your kids' can cut whimsical cookie cutter shapes from flour tortillas? Just pop them in the oven, and they'll be crisp and ready to dip into the salsa. Here's how:

Easy Mighty Fine Salsa

1 28-ounce can diced tomatoes, slightly drained

1/2 cup fresh jalapeno pepper, seeded and quartered (see note below)

- 1/2 medium yellow onion, quartered
- 3 garlic cloves 1/2 cup fresh cilantro
- Juice from one lime
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1. Pour 1/2 can of tomatoes into a food processor or blender, add remaining ingredients and blend and pulse until well chopped and fairly smooth. Add remaining tomatoes and pulse/blend briefly.
- 2. Leave on the counter for an hour to combine flavors before serving with Fresh-Baked Fun Chips. Refrigerate leftover salsa. Makes about 3 cups.

Note: The juice of jalapeno peppers can be irritating. Wear plastic deli-style



gloves when handling. Avoid hand con-

tact with your eyes.

Fresh-Baked Fun Chips

- 6-8 medium flour tortillas Vegetable oil
- Salt (optional)
- Assorted metal cookie cutters Kitchen scissors (optional)
- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
- 2. Warm a tortilla on a lightly oiled skillet. Place it on a cutting board and cut into shapes with metal cookie cutters. Use scissors to cut your own designs or alphabet letters.
- 3. Set shapes closely together on a cookie sheet covered with parchment paper. Brush or spray shapes lightly with oil. Continue with remaining tortillas.
- 4. Bake 8-10 minutes or until crisp and lightly browned. Sprinkle lightly with salt, if you wish, and serve. Serves four to six.

Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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Good Housekeeping

Your Place: Filling in the uneven spots on wood siding

By ALAN J. HEAVENS THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Q: We have a very old home with wood siding. After years of scraping, sanding and painting, the siding has several uneven spots. Is there a technique and/or product we can apply to even out these boards?

A: By uneven, I assume some of the boards are deeply gouged or have chunks of wood that might have been torn away in the scraping process—at least that is the experience I have had with my cedar siding.

If you paint, you have a little more wiggle room than if you stain. What I do is fill the gouges with Elmer's wood putty, let it cure and shrink and then repeat until the putty is even with the surface of the board. Then I sand, prime (sometimes two coats, lightly sanding in between) and then paint with acrylic latex paint.

I have used a two-part wood epoxy on old columns and fascia boards, but that was more to even out the surface when I was trying to blend new and old wood after rebuilding.

Here's an interesting thing I

In April, I noticed the bottom right side of the frame of the door of my workshop (yes, really, my workshop) had rotted down to the two-by-four. As I tried to remove the trim to get to the frame, a piece of the trim split and ripped away.

I used wood putty to fill in the missing trim, and clamped a couple of thin pieces of wood to hold the repair in place. Then I sanded lightly and repainted. You cannot tell even on looking closely that the trim is not a single piece.

I'm not patting myself on the back, which at my age is a stretch physically. I do believe that with a little patience, all things are possible.

Q: I have begun to experience a problem with field mice entering my 35-year-old home, which I have owned for eight years.

Soon after I purchased my home, I saw signs that the previous owner may have also experienced this problem.

Over the last seven years, I have trapped perhaps six mice. However, during the last year alone, I have trapped slightly more than that number.

My area has endured backto-back winters of severe weather and record-break-

I have surveyed the base of

my home from the outside and have caulked and re-cemented every crack and opening that I found, to no avail.

Obviously, I've missed something. I've thought of hiring a professional contractor who could survey my home's foundation to identify any vulnerable areas.

A: Have you thought about a pest-control professional to locate the source of the problem and take care of it before it reaches your basement?

Mice can get into hairline cracks if they want to, and other than making sure the perimeter around the foundation is free of nesting materials, pest control is the best advice I can offer.

The winters have been hard on mice as well, but that doesn't mean you should share your house with them.

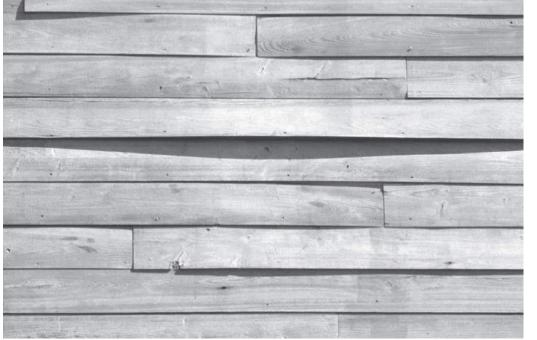
From a recent Monday chat: "I have a major bathroom remodel looming, and I had a contractor quote me \$5,000-plus fixtures/materials. I have zero experience as a DIYer, but I believe the potential cost savings for taking on this task myself could be huge. Do you agree?"

From my experience as a doit-yourselfer, unless you come to the job with a great deal of prior experience and knowledge, these projects end up costing more than your budget and consume many, many hours.

I'm just letting you know that DIY is a road filled with disappointments. But if you have made up your mind, my advice is to pick parts of this project. For example: I redid a bathroom. I had an electrician replace the wiring and the lights; a plumber install the toilet and the sink and convert the old clawfoot tub into a shower. I did the tiling (after watching a "Hometime" video 200 times); installed the wainscoting; and painted. I also did the demolition of the walls, removed the old molding and trim, and replastered the ceiling.

Check out the Time Life home repair series; DIY videos; and search for projects on the Internet. Also, go to demonstrations at the home centers.

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In recent years, some buildings have been clad with flush horizontal wood siding. There is no overlap between the boards.

Getting the most from compost

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA KING FEATURES SYND., INC



Q: I just have a patio garden for my city apartment, but this fall I was able to start saving kitchen compost, which I transfer weekly to a large plastic laundry tub on the patio. The large tub is the

problem-water is seeping up around the dirt, and of course the water has an odor. A friend of mine said the pH balance is off. How can I stop this from occurring?—Jane in New Jersey

A: What you need to do right away is turn the compost pile meaning, take a shovel, spade or stick and stir the compost, remixing everything. The compost in the tub has compacted, so instead of actually composting (breaking down solids) it's putrefying.

Turning the compost will reintroduce air into the pile and help restart the process. If there's a lot of extra water after turning, pour off some, but not all of it. There's also the possibility that rain or snowmelt got into the tub. If you don't want to punch drain holes in the bottom of the tub (most apartment managers frown on compost water stains on their patios) you should loosely cover the tub with a tarp so that air gets in but water does not.

From here forward, monitor your compost regularly and turn it every week. Also keep an eye on what you're putting into the kitchen compost. Under no circumstances should you put in meat scraps; this will attract flies and result in maggots. Keep a roughly 50/50 ratio of carbon-rich to nitrogen-rich ingredients.

Carbon-rich ingredients include anything "brown," such as sawdust, dead leaves, paper or straw; nitrogen-rich ingredients include anything "green" such as greens and vegetables. You can also add crumbled eggshells (calcium) and occasionally sprinkle wood ashes from the fireplace into the pile. When the danger of hard frost is past, add a handful of live earthworms to the freshly turned pile. They'll help aerate and break down the pile into rich compost.

If you want to learn more about composting, primalseeds. org has published detailed instructions on building a keeping a healthy compost pile.



HOME TIP: Keep compost piles in a far corner of the yard or as far from a home's exterior walls as possible to prevent pests from entering

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GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

Macaroni and Cheese on the Light Side

Our pasta recipe is amazingly creamy, and it sneaks vegetables into the kids' dinner without a lot of fuss.

1 package (16 ounces) cavatelli

2 tablespoons margarine or but-

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour 1/4 teaspoon ground black pep-

Pinch ground nutmeg

3 1/2 cups low-fat (1 percent)

6 ounces (1 1/2 cups) reducedfat sharp cheddar cheese, shred-

1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese 1 package (10 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables

1. Heat large saucepot of salted water to boiling over high heat; add pasta and cook as label directs.

2. Meanwhile, in 3-quart saucepan, melt margarine over medium heat. With wire whisk, stir in flour, pepper, nutmeg and 1/2 teaspoon salt; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Gradually whisk in milk and, stirring constantly, cook over medium-high heat until sauce boils and thickens slightly. Boil 1 minute, stirring.

3. Remove saucepan from heat; stir in cheeses just until melted. Following manufacturer's directions, use immersion blender to blend mixture in saucepan until smooth. (Or, in blender at low speed, with center part of cover removed to allow steam to escape, blend sauce mixture in small batches until smooth. Pour sauce into bowl after each batch.)

4. Place frozen vegetables in colander; drain pasta over vegetables. Return pasta mixture to saucepot; stir in cheese sauce. Serves 8.

■ Each serving: About 340 calories, 11g total fat (4g saturated), 32mg cholesterol, 585mg sodium, 43g total carbs, 2g dietary fiber, 18g protein.

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This recipe is amazingly creamy, and it sneaks vegetables into the kids' dinner without a lot of fuss.

Macaroni and Cheese with Beef

1 tablespoon salad oil 1 medium onion, chopped 1 medium green pepper, chopped

1 pound lean ground beef 2 cans (15-ounce) tomato

3/4 package (16-ounce) mostaccioli or ziti macaroni 1 package (8-ounce, 2 cups) shredded Cheddar cheese

1. In 12-inch skillet over medium heat, in hot salad ground beef; over medium-

high heat, cook until pan juices evaporate and meat is browned; spoon off fat if any. Stir in tomato sauce and 3/4 cup water; heat to boiling. Reduce heat to mediumlow; cover and simmer 25 minutes to blend flavors.

2. Meanwhile, prepare macaroni as label directs; drain. 3. Stir macaroni and cheese into beef mixture until cheese melts. Serves 6. ¥

■ Each serving: About 590 oil, cook onion and green calories, 27g total fat, 89mg pepper until tender. Stir in cholesterol, 1,140mg so-

Life & Style

Bundchen causes stir at Super Bowl from afar

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Glamour Boy is here and ready to play in Sunday's Super Bowl. Glamour wife is out of sight—so far—unless you count the front page of the New York Post.

Super model Gisele Bundchen landed the one cover she probably wasn't after, gracing the tabloid with her "Tommy" after the paper got hold of an email she reportedly sent to friends and family, asking them to channel their "positive energy" to quarterback husband Tom Brady and the New England Patriots in the NFL title game against the New York Giants.

"This sunday will be a really important day in my husband's life. He and his team worked so hard to get to this point and now they need us more than ever to send them positive energy so they can fulfill their dream of winning this super bowl. ..." she wrote, according to the Post, which didn't say how it obtained the message. "I kindly ask all of you to join me on this positive chain and pray for him, so he can feel confident, healthy and strong. Envision him happy and fulfilled experiencing with his team a victory this sunday."

Bundchen was said to have confirmed it all with an email to the paper saying: "I am surprised that you received this email; it was a private note only sent to close friends and family."

Not exactly bulletin-board material, but darned close for a week that has been exceedingly dull by Super Bowl standards: no name-calling, fights or even



In this March 7, 2011, file photo, Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bundchen, left, talks with her husband, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, during a carnival parade at the Sambadrome in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

a whiff of controversy.

A copy of the Post made the rounds at the Giants' media availability Thursday morning. Brady was asked about it, too, but no fireworks there:

"I don't know anything about that, so I don't know

Brady and Bundchen have

taken great pains to try to be a normal couple-well, as normal as one of America's most watched twosomes can be.

He's a three-time Super Bowl champ with two MVP awards and a \$72 million contract. He's GQ worthy with rugged good looks and a flair for fashion, and his hair is a source of endless fascination. She's a long-locked Brazilian beauty who made her name with Victoria's Secret lingerie and now moves everything from shampoo to couture. She's the biggest name in modeling, racking up \$45 million in 2011, according to the latest annual list by Forbes.com.

Brady was discovered in the sixth round of the 2000 NFL draft, Bundchen at age 14 in a Brazilian fashion mall.

They're the kind of highwattage stars who keep the paparazzi in business. Yet they don't have a reality TV show and they don't do the party circuit, and she isn't likely to show up at Patriots games in a formfitting pink Brady jersey.

They're almost—dare we say it?—boring.

He gave tiny glimpses of his family life in response to questions during Super Bowl week interviews.

He'll talk about his parents, three older sisters, and his two boys, one with an ex-girlfriend, one with Bundchen. He'll mention a child's chair with his youngest son's name on it on the floor of his locker in Foxborough, Mass., and remarked about his boys' favorite TV shows and athletic abilities.

Andrew Lloyd Webber bets again on 'Phantom' sequel

NEW YORK (AP)—Andrew Lloyd Webber's much-awaited sequel to "The Phantom of the Opera" is called "Love Never Dies," but the musical defied its title: after a short life in London, it died. Now he hopes it can be resurrected.

Lloyd Webber has quietly helped rework the musical for a current stage production in Australia and Americans unable to go Down Under will have a chance to see it when a filmed version hits movie theaters this month.

It's vastly improved work, coherent and visually beautiful, with a darkly haunting score. The composer hopes the film of the musical—available at hundreds of movie theaters across the U.S. on Feb. 28 and March 7-will spark new interest in the work, even from Broadway producers.

"I'm very pleased with it. One just hopes that now that we've got that, maybe this production can come here," Lloyd Webber said during a recent interview high above New York in a Columbus Circle hotel room. "I think the production is as good as one could hope it to be."

Backed by a 21-piece orchestra, the revitalized "Love Never Dies" production captured at The Regent Theatre in Melbourne features a 36-person cast, including Ben Lewis as the Phantom and Anna O'Byrne as Christine. The filmed version, directed by Brett Sullivan, uses multiple cameras that both sweep across the stage and capture tiny facial expressions.

A new life for "Love Never Dies" would be a vindication for Lloyd Webber, who considers it to be his best score, but admits he wasn't able to properly oversee the show's London opening because he was battling cancer. It closed in London after 18 months.

"Andrew is like a bulldog with these things: He will not let anything go," said Glenn Slater, who supplied lyrics and the book for the sequel. "He has been fighting tenaciously for this to get its proper day in the sun. Knock wood, maybe this Australian production does it because it certainly seems to have changed peoples' minds about the piece."

The follow-up to the longestrunning show in Broadway history had a rough debut in London in 2010, with one critic nicknaming it "Paint Never Dries." The sequel is set 10 years later in 1802 and shifts the location from Paris to Coney Island in New York.

The Phantom, still moping after his beloved Christine and running a freak show, lures her to America, where she arrives with husband Raoul and her 10-year-old son. Instead of the romance of "Phantom," the sequel is about a love triangle. Its atmosphere is more autumnal, more about regret than love, and the plot is about the consequences of the first musical. Critics were left confused and unhappy, and the creative team wasn't pleased either.

"Once it was up, we were able to see where the flaws were and we were able to see where we misjudged and where we miscalculated," said Slater during a recent phone conversation. "We hadn't quite nailed it yet.'

Lloyd Webber scrapped a proposed Broadway transfer and enlisted director Simon Phillips and a new Australian creative team to stage a fresh production with a new cast. The composer also got original "Phantom" book writer Charles Hart to help with the rewrite because Slater was tied up with "Leap of Faith" in Los Angeles.



In this image released by NCM Fathom and Omniverse Vision, Ben Lewis portrays Phantom in a scene from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Love Never Dies." a seguel to "The Phantom of the Opera," a film opening nationwide on Feb.

The Phantom that emerges is a little more dangerous than the one who appeared in London and Phillips—together with Gabriela Tylesova's sets and costumes have made Coney Island fit better into the musical, mostly by leaning on a dark, Gothic style.

"It will get produced, there's no question about it," said Lloyd Webber, who estimates the right budget to be \$12-14 million, higher than most musicals but not insanely so. "It's just a question of when."

Phillips, who also directed "Priscilla Queen of the Desert," said he was thrilled to get a shot at "Love Never Dies" in Melbourne after seeing a production in London. He said the new creative team confronted a story that had flaws, confusing moments and "fat on the bone," but they were excited by the material and Lloyd Webber was game to re-edit his music.

The sequel's score, which includes the haunting "Til I Hear You Sing," the sublime "The Beauty Underneath" and the rocking "Devil Take the Hindmost," doesn't necessarily have a standout hit like "The Music of the Night" from "Phantom," but Phillips likes the new one more.

Madonna channels Victor Cruz with salsa dance

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Madonna won't explicitly say who she's rooting for, but her spot-on salsa dance in honor of the New York Giants Victor Cruz may have revealed where her allegiance lies.

At a news conference Thursday to promote her halftime Super Bowl performance, she was asked what she thought of the wide receiver's touchdown celebration dance and if she had any criticisms of his moves.

"I have no criticism ... actually, he's inspired me. I've been practicing," said Madonna, who lives in New York, before busting a move in front of the few hundred media members in attendance.

"Do you think he'd approve?" she asked after her brief performance. Madonna also leaned toward the Giants when pressed on which quarterback she'd rather have dinner with, the New England Patriots' Tom Brady or the Giants' Eli Manning. While she protested the question was unfair, she allowed: "I'd have to say Eli because he lives in New York and I don't want him to waste gas. "

Madonna's salsa dance was her only performance of the day; she declined to follow the footsteps of other halftime acts who have given a tease of their performance with a mini concert.

Madonna gave few details about Sunday's show, which is being "imagined" Cirque du Soleil and may feature white-hot rapper Nicki Minaj, who is featured on Madonna's new single "Give Me All Your Luvin'." (She promoted her song by announcing it would be available on iTunes Friday, and for those who may not have known her film "W.E." opens this week, a press kit was placed on seats for reporters).

"I really don't want to blow the surprises," said Madonna, who only promised to sing three old songs and one new one. "I want people to be knocked off their feet."

The 53-year-old music icon is perhaps the most edgy Super Bowl performer since 2004, the halftime show that will live in infamy, as Justin Timberlake revealed Janet Jackson's bare breast during a "wardrobe malfunction." Madonna, who is as defined by sometimes racy antics as her music, once again promised no flesh would be seen during her set, and when asked if she was going to be "pushing the envelope," she said: "The envelope I am pushing is for a spectacular show which will, I think, entertain all age groups and will be a feast for the eyes and ears."

Madonna fielded several questions from reporters, some softball, some staid, and a couple bizarre. One person asked if she could confirm that her former companion and rumored boyfriend Alex Rodriguez had a painting in his house featuring himself as a half-man centaur.

"If he does, I haven't seen it but I'm pretty sure he has a rather large painting of me,"



Madonna arrives for a news conference for NFL footbal's Super Bowl XLVI's halftime show Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, in Indianapolis.

Someone else asked Madonna, who admitted that she rarely watches TV let alone games, about the ankle injury to New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski. and whether she'd be able to perform with such an ailment.

"Well, a lot of people would say I'm a bit of a masochist," said Madonna, who said ibuprofen and tape would have her ready to go.

Thatcher movie opens in Argentina to tough reviews

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—Meryl Streep may have been nominated for an Oscar for her portrayal of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in "The Iron Lady," but Argentine critics panned the film during its premiere in Buenos Aires on Thursday.

The film opened in Argentine theaters amid a furor over the Falkland Islands, which Thatcher's Britain and Argentina fought a brief war 30 years ago. In the movie, Thatcher is shown ordering Britain's military to sink the Argentine warship Belgrano, which killed 323 sailors and remains controversial because the ship was considered to be outside the war zone.

She also dismisses the entreaties of the American ambassador to settle the dispute peacefully, suggesting that as a woman, she's had to "go to war every day" to maintain her hold on power.

Reducing the decision to wage

Marisa Tomei sued over leak in her NYC building

NEW YORK (AP)—A lawsuit claims a leak from Marisa Tomei's New York City apartment has damaged the homes of two downstairs neighbors, including director John Waters.



Tomei

The neighbors' insurance companies filed the suit this week in a Manhattan court. The suit says

the "My Cousin Vinny" actress' "negligence" caused a September 2010 leak that left more than \$128,000 in damage at the building in Manhattan's Greenwich (GREN'-ich) Village.

Waters says in an email the case is a standard insurance claim completely out of his hands. The "Hairspray" director says there's no animosity between him and Tomei.

The insurers' lawyer and representatives for the Academy Award-winning actress haven't responded to messages left Thursday seeking comment.



A women enters a theater to watch Argentina's premiere of the "The Iron Lady," in Buenos Aires, Thursday Feb. 2, 2012.

war to a question of feminism "is absurd, to say the least," the newspaper Clarin wrote in Thursday's review.

Others praised Streep's acting, but panned the script as mediocre.

"A character so controversial for her own citizens, the citizens of the world and especially for Argentines, Thatcher deserves a better movie," huffed La Nacion.

Buenos Aires and London have escalated a war of words ahead of the anniversary of the Argentine dictatorship's ill-fated invasion of the islands on April 2, 1982. More than 900 soldiers and sailors were killed on both sides by the time

Britain seized them back

The movie tries to humanize Thatcher, but "it didn't fool me," said Mario Huguet, 75, a psychoanalyst who called her a word unfit for publication after seeing the premiere. "It presents her as a senile grandmother, but the Argentine dictators also got to be old and pitiful."

Huguet's wife, Nora, also 75 and retired, said they saw the movie because she loves Streep. "She's wonderful. But it didn't change my opinion of Thatcher."

Britain has sent one of its most advanced warships, the HMS Dauntless, to the islands, as well as Prince William, a Royal Air Force helicopter pilot, ahead of the anniversary.

Argentine Vice President Amado Boudou said Thursday that Britain has falsely accused his South American country of threatening another invasion in order to distract Britons from their economic worries.

Egyptian comedian sentenced for offending Islam

CAIRO (AP)—One of the Arab world's best known Egyptian comedians has been sentenced to three months in jail for offending Islam, a judge said Thursday, in the latest such case against a high-profile figure, underlining concerns about freedom of expression in Egypt.

The judge confirmed that Adel Imam, a veteran actor who first starred in a play in 1964, was convicted in absentia of insulting the religion.

The judge said Imam can appeal. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters.

Tarek el-Shinnawi, an entertainment reporter in Egypt, said that Imam was in Egypt recently filming a television series. Egypt's Actors' Syndicate said Imam's whereabouts are unknown. Imam



In this Sunday, Nov. 11, 2005 file photo, Egyptian film actor and comedian Adel Imam, right, walks with Egyptian actress Laila Elwi, left, during the Second Dubai Interational Film Festival red carpet reception, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

could not be reached for comment.

The state-run Ahram Online English website reported Thursday he was found guilty for "defaming Islam" in a 2007 movie in which he plays a corrupt businessman who tries to buy a university diploma. The film, Morgan Ahmed Morgan, included a scene with bearded Muslim men wearing traditional Islamic robes. Other reports said the court objected to his use of Islamic symbols in the film and others he has appeared in.

Last month, Egyptian telecommunications and construction tycoon Naguib Sawiris, a founder of the liberal Free Egyptians political party, faced similar charges of defaming Islam after he posted pictures of Mickey and Minnie Mouse wearing Islamic clothing on Twitter.

Springsteen guitarist anticipates emotional shows

NEW YORK (AP)—Bruce Springsteen guitarist Steve Van Zandt says touring without saxophonist Clarence Clemons is sure to be emotional for the E Street Band and its audience.

Clemons died at age 69 last year after a stroke. Van Zandt said Thursday that the band's work will always be a tribute to Clemons and keyboard player Danny Federici, who died in 2008. Springsteen and the E Street Band begin a long tour next month.

Despite the emotion, Van Zandt says band members have to ask themselves whether their colleagues would have wanted them to carry on with the work. The guitarist said: "I think the answer's yes."

Besides the music, Van Zandt is promoting "Lilyhammer," Net-flix's first original series. It is set in Norway and begins streaming Feb. 6 on Netflix.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Billy Ray Cyrus signs with Amazon

NEW YORK (AP)—Billy Ray Cyrus is the latest celebrity to sign up with Amazon.com. The singer of "Achy Breaky Heart" and father and former co-star of Miley Cyrus has a memoir, "Hillbilly Heart," coming in spring 2013. Amazon. com, which has been aggressively expanding its publishing operation, announced Thursday that Cyrus would discuss with "great candor" everything from his early years to life as the parent of a teen superstar. Cyrus and his daughter starred together in the hit TV series "Hannah Montana." Others with Amazon deals include actress-director Penny Marshall and actor James Franco. Those books, however, will not be available everywhere. Barnes & Noble Inc. announced earlier this week that it would not stock releases from its rival retailer.

John Travolta to donate jet to Ga. museum

WARNER ROBINS, Ga. (AP)—Actor John Travolta plans to donate a jet plane to a museum in central Georgia. Robins Air Force Base spokeswoman Chrissy Miner says the actor will donate a G-2 Gulfstream executive jet to the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins. Museum officials say Travolta, who is a pilot,

is donating the plane in honor of his son Jett, who died in 2009. Miner tells the Telegraph newspaper in Macon the plane is now in central Georgia. Plans call for the jet to be used as a display for an upcoming air show planned for April.

ed 35 arts organizations across 12 states. Funds will help the Japanese theater community. Participating artists include Suzan-Lori Parks and Richard Greenberg, who both will write original pieces. Sondheim with writer John Weidman will revise a section of their mu-

Playwrights and theaters join Japan benefit push

NEW YORK (AP)—Celebrated playwrights including Stephen Sondheim, Tony Kushner and Edward Albee have joined a fundraiser to mark the anniversary of a devastating earthquake in Japan. All will be offering 10-minute plays and songs to be performed March 11. The effort also has unit-

states. Funds will help the Japanese theater community. Participating artists include Suzan-Lori Parks and Richard Greenberg, who both will write original pieces. Sondheim with writer John Weidman will revise a section of their musical "Pacific Overtures." In New York, the effort has united some of the city's most powerful theaters, including Lincoln Center Theater, Playwrights Horizons, The Public Theater and Manhattan Theatre Club. Theatre Communications Group said Thursday it's leading the effort. An earthquake and tsunami struck Japan last March 11, leaving 20,000 people dead or missing.

Mom uses illness to compete with girl for son's attention

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I'm 18 and my boy-friend, "Jordan," is 17. We have been together a year and a half and rarely fight. There is only one problem in our relationship—his mother.

"Martha" has lupus and uses it to manipulate Jordan. When we plan dates, she'll tell him she feels sick and make him stay home to take care of her. As soon as the date is canceled, she's mi-



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raculously better. She complains that he doesn't spend enough time with her and lays guilt on him because she "could die any day," but says these things only when I'm around.

I don't believe that at 17 my boyfriend deserves the stress she puts on us, but I'm not sure what to do about it. Can you help me?

STRESSED TEENS IN THE SOUTH

DEAR STRESSED TEENS: There is nothing you can do about it, so accept that as long as you're involved with Jordan, his mother is part of the package deal.

In another year your boyfriend will be legally an adult and able to decide if he wants to stay at home taking care of his mother, or leave to pursue his education or go to work. From your description, the family dynamics do not appear to be healthy. But if you're smart, you will not involve yourself in them. A girl who competes with her boyfriend's mother rarely wins that battle, so remember that.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 14 and a ballet dancer, although I just started dancing seriously at 12. I have been in some shows and my teacher has started me on pointe work. It has become my dream to dance professionally.

When I confided it to my mother, she told me it would be impossible. I take two classes a week, but I will be taking more—possibly five—this year. Should I continue with my dream or pursue something else? I know it's a tough profession to work in, but it is what I love.

DANCING FOR JOY IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR DANCING FOR JOY: A career in dance requires strength, determination, discipline and sacrifice. These are all traits that will serve you well regardless of what profession you decide to pursue when you're older. The person you should ask this question of is your ballet teacher, who is better able to evaluate your talent than I can at a distance.

But I urge you to stick with dance as long as it interests you. Even if you don't eventually become a performer, you could become a choreographer, a teacher or find a rewarding career in some other capacity with a dance company.

Now is not the time to give up on this dream.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance is an amazing man and I'm lucky to have him, but because he's in the military I don't see him very often. I recently met a guy in one of my college classes who has made it clear that he's attracted to me. I can't help but feel the same about him.

He often asks me to study and hang out with him. Am I being disloyal if I innocently study or hang out with this guy without telling my fiance?

FRIENDLY FIANCEE IN COLORADO

DEAR FIANCEE: You say the attraction between you and your classmate is mutual. If you start hanging out with him without telling your fiance, then the relationship ISN'T innocent. If you can't handle the separations, then you don't have what it takes to be a military wife. So do both of you a favor and end the engagement.

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Happy Birthday: Good fortune is heading your way. Look at your options in order to optimize your chance to fulfill your dreams, hopes and wishes. Your circle of friends and family will grow, and your surroundings should be enhanced with renovations or alterations that add to your comfort, as well as your status. Your numbers are 2, 8, 14, 21, 27, 32, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Create a space at home that is conducive to exploring and developing a hobby or a new venture that interests you. Refuse to let your emotions take over when it comes to making a personal decision involving your love life. Think before you react. **OO**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You have more options than you realize. Curiosity will lead to a new venture. Love is highlighted, and getting involved in a joint project will bring you closer together. Invite friends and family to participate or cheer you on. ••••

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone who does something unexpected will catch you off guard. Assess the situation thoroughly before you take action. Uncertainty regarding your future may result if you retaliate or overreact. Bide your time and outmaneuver your opponent. 😂 😂

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be emotional and sensitive. Don't let what others do or say influence how you respond.

Stick to whatever task or responsibilities you've been given, and you will show your leadership ability as well as your well-adjusted attitude. OOO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let uncertainty be your demise. Rise above any conflict you face, and keep moving in a positive direction. It's your ability to move forward regardless of what you are up against that will gain the respect of others and lead to success. •••

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your help will be welcomed, and will lead to an interesting encounter. Business and personal relationships will bring positive results if you lay down ground rules before you move forward. An unusual opportunity can turn into a lucrative affair. OOOO

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Change things up a bit. Put fun first and let the chores wait. Don't let an emotional matter ruin your day. Expand your interests. A short trip or attending a conference or tradeshow will spark new ideas. 😂

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Times are changing. Good fortune in love, friendship and business partnerships is apparent. The connections you make now, or nurturing the ones you already have, will pay off. Developing one of your talents or ideas will create a buzz. ••••

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stay on top of the facts and figures, or you may be accused of exaggerating what you have

to offer. A personal relationship will be reason for concern if you have something to hide. Clear up any misunderstanding quickly. •••

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone who has taken a liking to you will pull you in an interesting direction. Your curiosity will help you discover hidden talents. Romance is prominent, making this a good time to find love or enhance your current relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The responsibilities you have taken on in the past will pay off now. Ask for whatever compensation you need for your time and effort. You are worth more than you think. A commitment must be honored. ❖❖❖

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let your creativity and imagination take over. Utilize your skills to the fullest and show everyone around you what you are capable of doing. Alter whatever is holding you back personally, domestically and physically. It's time to move forward. �����

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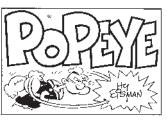
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Peyton Manning gets clearance to play



INDIANAPO-LIS (AP)—Peyton Manning has been cleared to play by the doctor who operated on the quarterback's neck.

A spokesman for Dr. Robert Watkins sent a one-paragraph email to reporters late Thursday night after ESPN first reported that Colts' star had been cleared to play.

The Colts contend it is nothing new because Manning was cleared to practice in December, a move that would have also allowed him to start playing again. But it backs up Manning's contention from earlier this week that his recovery from September neck surgery is on schedule.

Manning has been throwing for at least two months and told reporters earlier this week that he was throwing with teammates Tuesday. But team doctors must still give Manning the OK, and it's unclear if or when that will happen.

Even on a day the team hired four new assistant coaches for Chuck Pagano's staff, the Manning saga was still causing a stir. With a \$28 million decision looming next month, new general manager Ryan Grigson acknowledged that the Colts couldn't afford to make a mistake based solely on sentimental reasons.

"You can't do things to where you are going to hurt the whole franchise with other decisions that you know might hurt at the moment, but in the end they help the sum of the parts," Grigson said. "It is a tough deal in this business, and it happens at every position, it happens with coaching, it happens with people in personnel and it is completely part of the process and the business."

Colts owner Jim Irsay and Manning are scheduled to meet again next week.

It's been a chaotic four weeks

Last month, the Colts fired vice chairman Bill Polian, general manager Chris Polian, coach Jim Caldwell and most of Caldwell's assistants. They also hired the 39-year-old Grigson and first-time head coach Chuck Pagano.

Now they're trying to fill the remaining holes. Grigson announced Thursday that the Colts had hired Greg Manusky as defensive coordinator, Roy Anderson as the secondary coach in charge of safeties and Marwan Maalouf as special teams coach Thursday. About an hour later, Pagano told reporters that Brant Boyer will assist Maalouf with the special teams.

That's not all. Grigson said former Colts offensive coordinator Clyde Christensen would remain on the staff probably as the quarterbacks or receivers coach.

The latest moves came two days after the Colts hired offensive coordinator Bruce Arians and fired two more coaches from Caldwell's staff.

"I think at the same time it was important to get the coordinators settled," Pagano said. "It's all going to come together, and we're going to take our time. It's not something we're going to rush."

And all this comes during a week in which the city's first Super Bowl has been upstaged by its most recognizable celebrity.

With speculation swirling about Manning's future, his presumed successor—Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck, expected to be taken by the Colts with the No. 1 pick—came to town and told reporters he wants to start immediately.

A few hours later, Grigson acknowledged that he met with Manning for 20 minutes last week, calling it a straightfor-



In this Jan. 21, 2007, file photo, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning (18) celebrates running back Joseph Addai's 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter of an AFC Championship NFL football game against the New England Patriots in Indianapolis.

Goodell: 34 teams likely if LA included

INDIANAPOLIS Commissioner Roger Goodell says if the NFL puts a team in Los Angeles, it is probable the league would expand to 34 franchises.

Appearing Thursday night on "Costas Live" on NBC Sports Network, Goodell says the league "doesn't want to move any of our teams." He

ward conversation between two regular guys. Pagano said he also spoke with Manning last week. Nobody provided details of the conversation, though.

Manning missed the entire

built in the Los Angeles area, "we probably don't want to go to 33" teams by adding just one new club. Instead, the league would consider adding two. An odd number of teams would pose scheduling prob-

There has been speculation an LA stadium could house

2011 season after having his third neck surgery in 19 months. The Colts must pay a \$28 million roster bonus by March 8 or risk losing him as a free agent.

Grigson acknowledged that

said if a suitable stadium is two NFL franchises, although Goodell did not address that with host Bob Costas.

Goodell says there are several issues that must be solved in LA, particularly which of two current stadium proposals is best.

He didn't suggest any timetable for returning to Southern California.

decision won't be made because of sentimentality.

'We're in a holding pattern in that respect," he said when asked about the Colts' quarterback debate. "Until it is (resolved), we're going to go about our business as usual."

Pagano said he had spoken briefly with Manning, too, though neither provided details of their chats.

Next up for the Colts: Filling the rest of the staff and figuring out which veterans to re-sign before free agency opens March 13.

Grigson was asked about three key starters—receivers Pierre Garcon and Reggie Wayne and defensive end Robert Mathisand said he would like all three to return.

"I know there's tremendous affection for those guys and they are three great guys who have been so productive here," Grigson said. "There's such pride here. We would love to have them all back."

Wayne wants to come back, though he's heard nothing yet from the Colts.

"But that's understandable," the 34-year-old receiver said, referring to all the changes. "I'm sure when my opportunity comes, I'll hear from them, and if I don't that's understandable, too."

Where the Colts are headed is in a more aggressive direction on defense. Manusky was San Diego's defensive coordinator last year and the 49ers' defensive coordinator from 2007-10. It's not been determined vet whether the Colts will keep their 4-3 defense or switch to a 3-4.

"He'll bring a great passion and energy to our organization and the defensive side of the ball," Pagano said.

Anderson and Maalouf served in similar capacities with Baltimore, where Pagano was the defensive coordinator. Later Thursday, the Colts announced they had hired Roger Marandino as strength and conditioning coach and retained David Walker as running backs coach and Richard Howell.

Ailing Gronkowski returns to Patriots practice



NAPOLIS (AP)—Rob Gronkowski practiced the New Eng-

land Patriots for the Super Bowl for the first time Thursday, and now coach Bill Belichick is waiting to see how the tight end's injured ankle responds.

"He did some things. He didn't do everything," Belichick said. "We'll see how he is (Friday). That will be the big key."

Gronkowski was without the walking boot he wore last week. Gronkowski participated on a limited basis and said it will be up to him to decide whether his high left ankle sprain will allow him to play Sunday against the New York Giants.

"I will make the final call," he said. "I listen to the trainer's advice, but it's how I feel. I'm just trying to get better. The trainer has helped me get to a place where I need to be."

He also said there are "a couple of options to explore" about how the ankle will be protected.

"I'm not even sure I'm going to wear anything (special)," Gronkowski said. "I'm taping it and testing things out every day to see how I feel."

He was injured Jan. 22 in the third quarter of the 23-20 win over the Baltimore Ravens in the AFC championship game.

Gronkowski, who set an NFL single-season record for tight ends with 17 touchdown catches, took part during the second half of Thursday's nearly twohour practice.

"It was fine," Belichick said. "It was a good test for him, too, at least. At least he was out here and did some things to see how it feels. We'll see how it goes."

Gronkowski wore a protec-

tive boot for a week before discarding it Monday. Teammates have expressed confidence that he will play against the Giants.

"I know he's going to be ready," tight end Aaron Hernandez said. "It's not like he broke anything or he can't walk on it. He got a little sprain and he's fine."

Ten other players participated in practice on a limited basis. The Patriots will taper off their activity at Friday's session.

"We don't have much new going in, just kind of making sure everything we have going in we've got right," Belichick said.

The Patriots plan to hold a walk through on Saturday.

On Wednesday, Belichick took a half-hour break in practice to simulate the extended halftime for the Super Bowl.

"It's not perfect but it's the best we could do," Belichick said. "Practice, take a break,

come back out and re-start."

Meanwhile, Glamour Boy is here and ready to play in Sunday's Super Bowl. Glamour wife is out of sight—so far unless you count the front page his team a victory this sunday." of the New York Post.

landed the one cover she probably wasn't after, gracing the tabloid with her "Tommy" after the paper got hold of an email she reportedly sent to friends and family, asking them to channel their "positive energy" to quarterback husband Tom Brady and the New England Patriots in the NFL title game against the New York Giants.

"This sunday will be a really important day in my husband's life. He and his team worked so hard to get to this point and now they need us more than ever to send them positive energy so they can fulfill their dream of winning this super bowl. ..."

she wrote, according to the Post, which didn't say how it obtained the message. "I kindly ask all of you to join me on this positive chain and pray for him, so he can feel confident, healthy and strong. Envision him happy and fulfilled experiencing with

Bundchen was said to have Super model Gisele Bundchen confirmed it all with an email to the paper saying: "I am surprised that you received this email; it was a private note only sent to close friends and family."

Not exactly bulletin-board material, but darned close for a week that has been exceedingly dull by Super Bowl standards: no name-calling, fights or even a whiff of controversy.

A copy of the Post made the rounds at the Giants' media availability Thursday morning. Brady was asked about it, too, but no fireworks there.

"I don't know anything about that, so I don't know what it is." Brady and Bundchen have taken great pains to try to be a

normal couple- well, as normal as one of America's most watched twosomes can be.

He's a three-time Super Bowl champ with two MVP awards and a \$72 million contract. He's GQ worthy with rugged good looks and a flair for fashion, and his hair is a source of endless fascination. She's a long-locked Brazilian beauty who made her name with Victoria's Secret lingerie and now moves everything from shampoo to couture. She's the biggest name in modeling, racking up \$45 million in 2011, according to the latest annual list by Forbes.com.

Brady was discovered in the sixth round of the 2000 NFL draft, Bundchen at age 14 in a Brazilian fashion mall.

They're the kind of highwattage stars who keep the paparazzi in business. Yet they don't have a reality TV show and they don't do the party circuit, and she isn't likely to show up at Patriots games in a formfitting pink Brady jersey.

LA story: 2 Lakers, 2 Clippers get All-Star nods



Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin gets a dunk against the Utah Jazz during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, in Salt Lake City.



NEW YORK (AP)— From Kobe Bryant to Chris Paul, Blake Griffin to Andrew Bynum, the NBA All-Star game is shaping up as an L.A. story.

Two Lakers and two Clippers were voted as starters Thursday for the game, the first time in 15 years that two pairs of teammates have been voted to start for one conference.

Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant prevented a clean Los Angeles sweep of the Western Conference starting lineup by Feb. 26 game in Orlando.

Dwight Howard of the host Magic - unless he's traded first - was the overall leading votegetter with 1.6 million. LeBron James and Dwyane Wade are going together again from Miami, while MVP Derrick Rose of Chicago and New York's Carmelo Anthony round out the

The Clippers and Lakers are developing a spirited rivalry this season, but they'll have to get along for a night to give the West a second straight win in the NBA's midseason event.

Bryant and Paul will be in the same backcourt two months after the NBA, as owners of

the Hornets, killed a trade that would have sent Paul to the Lakers. Instead, he was dealt shortly after to the Clippers, and he has teamed with Griffin to make them one of the league's most exciting and improved teams, leading the Pacific Division over their Staples Center

"It's an honor and a privilege to be voted as an All-Star starter," Paul said. "I want to thank the fans for their support. It's even more special to be starting with one of my teammates."

Griffin and Bynum are firstearning a forward spot for the time starters, while Bryant earned his record-tying 14th consecutive nod.

It's the first time since 1997, when Houston had Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley, and Seattle sent Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp, that two pairs of teammates have been voted to start for one conference.

Bryantjoins Shaquille O'Neal, Jerry West and Karl Malone - all one-time Lakers—with his 14th straight starting nod. He earned his fourth All-Star MVP award last year, equaling Bob Pettit's NBA record.

Bynum grabbed the starting center spot that for years went to Yao Ming, who retired last summer. Griffin was chosen as a reserve forward last year, when he became the first rookie All-Star since Yao in 2003.

Starters were chosen by fan balloting, and none of the races was close. The reserves will be chosen by voting of the head coaches from each conference and will be announced next

Bryant led all West players with nearly 1.6 million votes. Rose collected 1.5 million to finish third among all players, a year after becoming Chicago's first starter since Michael Jordan.

"I remember not being in the All-Star game, just wanting to be in the game. It's something you should take to heart, that I take to heart," Rose said before the Bulls' game against the Knicks. "Just want to accomplish something special while I'm in the league, and one of the accomplishments is being on the All-Star team."

Howard will make his fifth consecutive start, and his status will provide much of the intrigue surrounding the event. He has told the Magic he wants to be traded and they have given his agent permission to talk to select teams, putting the franchise in a difficult position of deciding whether it should deal its superstar before hosting the weekend.

Rose scores 32 points as Bulls beat Knicks

NEW YORK (AP)—Derrick Rose and Carmelo Anthony are both All-Star starters. Only Rose is the reigning MVP, and he was the one who owned Madison Square Garden on Thursday night.

Rose had 32 points, 13 assists and a basket seemingly every time the Knicks were poised to rally in the Bulls' 105-102 victory.

"Every time I step on the court, they're coming at me," Rose said. "I love it where it's a challenge like that. I'm not backing away from it, and I don't want them to back away from it. It's just 'be on' every night."

This night brought relief for a Chicago team in the middle of a nine-game road trip and more distress for New York and its embattled coach, who opened a back-to-back with their 10th loss in 12 games.

"For the most part, we played extremely hard tonight," Anthony said. "We've got to pat ourselves on the back for something. We can go and magnify the turnovers late in the second quarter; we still had a chance to win the basketball game."

Rose had 15 of his points in the fourth quarter, scoring on three straight possessions during one spectacular 79-second burst. He split Anthony and Amare Stoudemire to flip in a shot from past the backboard, then hit a 3-pointer to put the Bulls up 95-88 with less than 6 minutes left.

Stoudemire had a seasonhigh 34 points and 11 rebounds but missed a shot from beyond his normal range—a 3-point attempt with 11.9 seconds remaining—that would have tied the score.

"He can make that shot as well as anybody," coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Said Stoudemire: "That shot normally falls for me."

Anthony had 26 points but just 4 in the fourth quarter and missed a desperation 3 at the buzzer that would have sent the game to overtime. Twice in the last 92 seconds with the Knicks trailing by 3, he had his shot blocked.

Spurs 93, Hornets 81

In San Antonio, Tim Duncan scored 19 points, Tony Parker had 18 and the San Antonio Spurs won their third in a row, beating the New Orleans Hornets 93-81 Thursday night.

A night after Duncan scored 25 in a win over Houston, it was somewhat surprising that he even played. Coach Gregg Popovich has vowed to limit the 35-year-old's minutes and playing the West's worst team seemed to invite a night off.

But the Hornets didn't make it easy. Carly Landry scored 17 points and Greivis Vasquez added 16 points staring in place of Jarrett Jack, keeping New Orleans close before the Spurs blew out the game in the fourth.

Jack sat out with a sore knee but the pain isn't considered serious. The Hornets have lost 12 of their last 13.

Tiago Splitter added 16 points and Danny Green had 11 off the bench for the Spurs, who improved to an NBA-best 12-1 at home. They need to stockpile all the home wins they can: After hosting the NBA-leading Oklahoma City Thunder on Saturday night, the Spurs won't be back home for three weeks.

The San Antonio Rodeo runs the Spurs out of town every February—but the franchise has never seen a stretch like this. The compressed schedule in wake of the NBA lockout has San Antonio in the midst of playing 16 of 21 games outside the AT&T Center, the toughest road run in Spurs history.

Grizzlies 96, Hawks 77

In Atlanta, Rudy Gay scored 21 points to lead five Memphis players in double figures and Memphis blew out the listless Atlanta Hawks.

The Grizzlies pulled away late in the first half, closing on an 18-7 run that gave the Grizzlies a 10-point lead at the break. They totally blew it open in the third quarter after Atlanta missed its first seven shots and turned it over three times.

The Hawks were coming off a 4-1 road trip that left them tied with Miami for the Southeast Division lead. But they looked exhausted in their return to Philips Arena, putting up ugly jumpers, playing pedestrian defense and struggling just to hang on to the ball.

Tony Allen and O.J. Mayo scored 18 apiece for Memphis, while Mike Conley had 15. Marc Gasol turned in a doubledouble with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Dante Cunningham chipped in with 10 rebounds off the bench.

Josh Smith led the Hawks with 11 points, playing only 19 minutes.

Warriors 119, Jazz 101

In Oakland, Stephen Curry scored 29 points and had a season-high 12 assists, Monta Ellis added 33 points and the Golden State Warriors beat the Utah Jazz 119-101 on Thursday night.

David Lee added 23 points and 14 rebounds for the Warriors. Golden State has won two straight since losing the first four games on its six-game homestand.

Curry and Ellis, who were on the bench for most of the fourth quarter in Tuesday's win over Sacramento when coach Mark Jackson played mainly reserves, didn't get much of a rest against the Jazz while leading the Warriors to their highest point total of the season.

Paul Milsap had 15 points and 11 rebounds for Utah. The Jazz played without starting point guard Devin Harris, who was a late scratch due to a strained left hamstring.

Golden State (8-12) led by two at halftime but got a big lift from Ellis in the third quarter then coasted over the final 12 minutes while leading by as much as 23.

Kings 95, Blazers 92

In Sacramento, Marcus Thornton scored 20 points and John Salmons had a season-high 19 for the Sacramento Kings, who snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the Portland Trail Blazers 95-92 on Thursday night.

The Blazers had beaten the Kings in 12 of the previous 13 games, but Sacramento ran off five straight points late in the game and held off Portland, which missed two 3-pointers in the final 10 seconds.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 28 points and 14 rebounds for the Blazers, who have lost four straight on the road, where they are 3-9 this season. Jamal Crawford scored 17 points and Raymond Felton 15 points and 10 assists. Portland made just 8-of-16 free throws.

Tyreke Evans scored 18 points, Marcus Thornton and Jason Thompson added 13 points and 12 rebounds for the Kings.

Salmons broke an 88-88 tie with a jumper and Thompson put back a shot in traffic, giving the Kings a 92-88 lead with 1:53 left. A jumper by Evans gave Sacramento a 95-90 cushion with 15.2 seconds remaining.

Kings center DeMarcus Cousins, who averaged nearly 21 points and 12 rebounds in the previous games, was in foul trouble early. He played 14 minutes, and didn't leave the bench in the fourth quarter, finishing with eight points and six rebounds.

Nuggets 112, Clippers 91

In Los Angeles, Danilo Gallinari scored 21 points, including all five of his 3-pointers, and the Denver Nuggets beat the Clippers 112-91 Thursday night, ending Los Angeles' seasonhigh four-game winning streak that included a victory over the Nuggets last weekend.

Ty Lawson added 18 points, Arron Afflalo 15 and Timofey Mozgov 11 for the Nuggets, who had lost two straight overall and three in a row to the Clippers, their longest active losing streak against any team.

Blake Griffin led the Clippers with 18 points, Chris Paul added 15 points and nine assists, and Caron Butler had 11 after missing Wednesday night's win at Utah with a sore lower back. Earlier Thursday, Griffin and Paul were voted to the starting lineup for the All-Star game, giving the Clippers two players on the team for the first time since 1976.

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Orlando	13	9	.591	3
Washington	4	18	.182	12
Charlotte	3	20	.130	13 1/3

Central Division

Chicago	19	6	.760	_
Indiana	15	6	.714	2
Milwaukee	10	11	.476	7
Cleveland	8	12	.400	8 1/2
Detroit	4	20	.167	14 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

San Antonio	15 9	.625	_
Dallas	14 9	.609	1/2
Memphis	12 10	.545	2
Houston	12 10	.545	2
New Orleans	4 19	.174	10 1/2

Northwest Division

Oklahoma City	17	4	.810	_
Denver	15	7	.682	2 1/2
Utah	12	9	.571	5
Portland	13	10	.565	5
Minnecota	10	10	155	7 1/2

PACIFIC DIVISION

L.A. Clippers	13	7	.650	_	
L.A. Lakers	13	9	.591	1	
Golden State	8	12	.400	5	
Phoenix	8	13	.381	5 1/	2
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Kagman High School's Lady Ayuyus and took the victory outright after prevailing in the first two sets, 25-17, 25-5. Kagman avoided a shutout loss when it won the third set, 15-11. GCA improved to a 7-1 record, while Kagman dropped to a 3-5 slate.

In the other game, SIS2 survived MHS's junior squad (MHS2) despite losing the opening set, 20-25. The Lady Geckos stole the win after topping the last two sets, 25-8, 15-10.

The victory evened out SIS2's card to 4-4, while MHS2 fell to a 2-6 record.

Meanwhile, the league-leading SIS1 was gifted a forfeit win over Saipan Southern High School (0-8), while MHS' varsity crew (MHS1) was also handed a win by default against the shorthanded Mariana Baptist Academy (3-5). It was a tough break for MBA, which won its last two games. SIS1 now has a perfect 8-0 record, while MHS1 remains in third place with a 6-2 card.

The season continues on Tuesday with MHS1 hosting SIS2 on the north court at 4pm, and MBA facing SSHS on the south end. Then at 5pm SIS1 waves over a hungry GCA crew on the north side, while KHS battles MHS2 on the south square. Notably, GCA's lone loss came from defending champion SIS1.

Dickinson steals show in SRCR season opener

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Jude Dickinson beat A main class top qualifier Paul Salalila to win top honors in the Saipan Radio Control Racers' January 2012 season opener event held late last month at the club's track in As Lito.

Salalila took the pole with the fastest qualifying time of 16.53 seconds and led seven laps of the race before crashing out of contention.

As a result, Dickinson took the expert class bragging rights once again, outmaneuvering the field in 6:06.42. Leo Gatus crossed the line in second place with a time of 6:10.87, while Jojo Saracho's HPI Blitz rounded out the third spot at 6:11.10. The frontrunners drove Traxxas Slash cars. Six racers made up the field.

In other results, Adam Salalila came into the final heat as the top qualifier in the Young Gunz electric course category, but was bumped off the podium by Kianu and Kodin Diaz and third placer Leonardo Salalila.



Saipan Radio Control Racers' participants line up their cars at the start of the B main class event of last month's competition in As Lito.

Adam Salalila marked an impressive 15.63-second lap time and led two laps of the race, but settled for fourth place with a time of 4:23.59.

Kianu Diaz's TraXXas Rustler stole the checkered flag finishing 10 laps in 4:05.51, ahead of Kodin's TraXXas

Slash (4:06.31) and Leonardo Salalila's (4:23.28) Team Losi SCT. Seven racers made up the field.

Up and comer Emir Abuan dominated the B main electric short course division, posting the fastest qualifying time before besting the five-driver field.

Abuan posted a lap time of 23.47 seconds to take the pole and ended up the only one to finish all 15 laps in a time of 6:28.49.

With the win, Abuan graduated into the SRCR's expert A main group. By rule, the B main winner always receives a chance to race in the A main race in each event, however Abuan's current and past performance has earned him the right to run with the big boys on a regular basis.

Butter Dickinson led 11 laps of the race, but settled for second place as he and third placer Franz Decena came up a lap short; all three B main frontrunners drove TraXXas Slash cars.

Paul Salalila had his moment in the Open Class electric short course event. His Kyosho Ultima-SC swept the six-driver field. He bagged top qualifier (25. 48 seconds) honors and a first place result ahead of Jude Dickinson's Team Losi XXX-SCT and Rodney Catalla's HPI Blitz. Paul Salalila finished the race in 6:21.84, while Dickinson and Catalla only managed to complete 13 of the 14 laps.

There are over 20 active

SRCR members and growing and they regularly take part in practices at the As Lito track every Sunday. The group tries to hold a day-long monthly event in four racing categories. The public is welcome to check out the track and learn more about the sport/hobby.

Contact Rodney Catalla at 256-7119 for more information.

CWGA February Ace set for Feb. 1

The CNMI Women's Golf Association is holding its February Ace of the Month event on Feb.

> 11 at Coral Ocean Point

Showtime is set at 11:30am, fol-

lowed by a 12:30pm tee off.

Noriko Togawa won the group's January Ace after topping last month's competition at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort's west course.

The CWGA holds monthly tournaments at various local golf courses around the island. After each event, organizers record the results based on a predetermined point system. The winner of each event is named Ace of the month and qualifies for the group's year-end tournament. All points are tallied up at the end of the season with the winner being crowned the Ace of Aces champion. A multitude of other prizes are also awarded for other categories as well.

For more information, contact Noriko Togawa at 287-0027, Lou Kim at 483-5255, Terry Tudela at 483-1761, Lorraine Babauta at 287-0621 or Bennet Seman at 483-0126. (Walter Cepeda Sutherland).

neshot leads Islander Tag 8-Ball tourney to 2am. They also offer live mu-



Oneshot's Chisato and Ed Suzuki are leading the 19th Hole

Bar's Islander Tag Team 8-Ball Tournament after completion of the second round games last weekend in Puerto Rico.

After two matchups, Oneshot is leading the eight-team pack with 10 points, while a handful of challengers are still well within contention. The frontrunners downed Leonize-79's Leornard Saban and Nizer Masayas, 6-1. Notably, there is

Ron a three way tie for second place as Elaus' Taylor Watanabe and John Mongami, Ynot's Nolas Kaliga and Ben Norita, Tasi's Oscar Sablan and Blas all have eight points. D2Pats' Pat Cepeda and Pat Taitano and IDK's Gus Taitano and Ken Phillips both have seven points, while IDC's Norman Tenorio and Quinton Ngirarois have four points. Leonize-79 has one point.

Last weekend, Y-Not bested IDK, 4-2; Tasi defeated Elaus, 4-2; and D2Pats downed IDC, 4-2. Round three begins at 7:30pm tonight.

The event is formatted as a best-of-three games series with two-person teams. Each team member plays a singles match followed by a doubles pairing, with each rack counted as one point. Cash prizes will be awarded to the Top 3 placers.

Formerly known as the USS Peleliu Club, the 19th Hole Bar relocated last fall. They offer darts, billiards and free WiFi-internet in a refreshing sports bar setting with a friendly wait staff. The 19th Hole runs daily from 4pm

Islanders band every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights and \$1 beers, daily, until 6:30pm. Visit them on Super Bowl

sic entertainment from the Rock

Monday for \$1 beers and free chasers.

The 19th Hole was also recently awarded a special plaque of appreciation during the SBA 2011 Summer/Fall Budweiser Open 8-Ball League awards banquet.

For more information, contact Rose Phillips at 788-3913. (Walter Cepeda Sutherland).

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Oceania Baseball Confederation in the 2012 18U IBAF World Championship, which will be held in Seoul City, Korea, from Aug. 30 to Sept. 8.

The Aussies ran the table, tallying 71 runs and allowing just three runs in six games in the preliminary. New Zealand finished second with its 3-3 record, Guam came in at third with a 2-4 card, and the CNMI placed last.

The Commonwealth crew stumbled into the tournament with a shaky start and dropped its first three games before mustering its lone victory, however the young squad came up limp in its last three games

In the opener, the CNMI fell to New Zealand via run rule

after six innings, 3-14, and absorbed another mercy defeat at the hands of Australia, 0-10. The Tony Rogolifoi-mentored squad closed out the first round with a 2-8 loss to Guam.

The CNMI sluggers then opened the second round last Monday with a morale-boosting 4-2 win over New Zealand behind the no-hitter of Leroy Regis. Regis recorded that feat with just three strikeouts and issued four walks. He also led the CNMI at the plate with a three-RBI double, while Ricardo Dela Cruz went 2-for-3 in the win.

Unfortunately, the celebration was short-lived, as the CNMI fell again to Australia last Tuesday, 1-18, and bowed to Guam for the second time last Wednesday, 7-11.

The CNMI sluggers were no match to the Aussies, as the

latter pounded a dozen hits off the former's shaky defense. The Commonwealth players committed nine errors and had only three hits.

Then in its second match against Guam, the CNMI managed to get on top early, but could not hang on late in the game. Guam took the lead in the fourth inning and held on for the win.

Polly-Card Luther was a big factor in Guam's victory, hitting 4-for-5 and scoring one RBI and three runs. Dela Cruz went 3-for-3 against Guam, Anthony Leon Guerrero swang 2-for-3 and logged one RBI and one run, while Cedric Ada was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

For the third time, the CNMI faced the host with the bronze medal at stake and the visitors could not get their bats going against hurler Sean Cruz.

Cruz had a no hitter going into the last inning of regulation before the CNMI's Henry Rabauliman broke it up with a double.

Guam built an early 3-0 lead in the second inning and allowed the CNMI its only run later in the fourth frame off a sacrifice by Regis, who brought Leon Guerrero home.

Regis did his best on the mound to keep CNMI within range, but the group simply could not get over the hump despite Guam's six errors in the field. Regis gave up just one earned run off five hits with a pair of walks and four strikeouts through six innings of work. Guam's Cruz went the distance and tallied eight punch-outs and a walk. He gave up just one hit and allowed zero earned runs.

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She finished only third after the eight-game qualifying roll-off, taking the last ticket to the stepladder finals. Then Omechelang had to beat the second-ranked Carol McKenzie, 143-128, to keep her championship bid alive and set up a title duel against the No. 1 seed Yho Villavicencio.

In the finals, Omechelang needed to prevail in Game 1 to force a deciding Game 2 and she did it, winning the opener, 187-175. Omechelang went on to complete the come-frombehind victory with a 153-121 triumph in Game 2.

Omechelang and the three awardees from Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association are now candidates for the 2012 NMASA Male and Female and Student Male and Female Athletes of the Year awards.

Meanwhile, NMASA calling all monthly awardees for 2011 to attend the group's awards banquet on Feb. 16 at the Saipan Grand Hotel. The awards rites will start at 6pm.

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the standings. Kagman fell to a 1-2-1 slate and hopes to bounce back on Tuesday when it faces the Marianas High School Junior Lady Dolphins (0-0-3) at 4:30pm.The Lady Dolphins' varsity squad leads the fourteam field with an unbeaten record in four games.

Gariguez broke the ice with her first goal just five and a half minutes after the kickoff and later netted another goal in the 18th minute of the first half.

KHS fended off the Rays' attack for about 15 minutes in the second frame, but Gariguez eventually found another breakaway off a cleared-out ball from midfield and bagged her third goal for the hat trick.

Gariguez went top shelf after setting herself up in the left corner.

KHS never came up with an answer in the second half, but did manage to keep the Rays at bay for the remainder of the contest.



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V'ball players lead January awardees

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

olleyball players won three of the four awards given during the NMASA January meeting last Thursday night at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

McCullough-Stearns and Tony Yamada clinched the TSL Foundation/NMASA Student Athletes of the Month (for January) awards, while J.R. Gechig took the Male Athlete of the Month plum.



All three awardees played in the Annual Rever Co-Ed Grass

Volleyball Tournament in Navy Hill. The Saipan International School student McCullough-Stearns teamed up with schoolmate Amber Roberts and won several games in the double round-robin elimination to advance to the playoff round. The



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From right, champion duo JR Gechig and Charnessa Lizama, runners-up Tyce Mister and Toni Yamada, and third placers Amber Roberts and Clay McCullough-Stearns pose with their prize packages during the awards ceremony for the NMIVA 5th Annual Coed Reverse Grass Volleyball Tournament held last month in Navy Hill.

SIS duo went on to challenge Gechig and Charnessa Lizama in the quarterfinals and then Yamada and Tyce Mister in the loser's bracket semis, but dropped both matches to settle for third place.

Yamada with the help of Mister made it all the way to the finals before bowing to Gechig and Lizama in the championship. Gechig and Lizama were unbeaten in the 16-team elimination round to take the No. 1 seeding in the playoffs. The eventual winners then defeated Roberts and McCullough-Stearns in the first semis game to march into the finals with a twice-to-beat advantage. In the finals Gechig and Lizama faced Mister and Yamada and won the crown right away after a 21-18 victory in Game 1.

Joining the three volleyball players in the January winners list was bowler Gloria Omechelang.

The Saipan Bowling Association member was named 2011 Budweiser Oueen of the Lanes after ruling the group's season-ending event last month. Omechelang, who also prevailed in the 2010 finale roll-offs, notched back-to-back titles after surviving the stepladder finals.

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CNMI players tip their hats to the crowd after their game against New Zealand in the 18U 2012 Oceania Championship at the Paseo Stadium in Guam.

MI misses medal podium

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND walter_sutherland@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The CNMI Junior National Baseball Team bowed to Guam, 1-3, in the battle for third place in the 18U/AAA Oceania Championship last Thursday at the Paseo Stadium in Guam.



Commonwealth bets finished

the double-round robin tournament with a dismal 1-6 record, losing to eventual champion Australia twice, to the host three times, and to New Zealand. The

T h e CNMI's lone win in the fournation competition came from New Zealand last Monday, 4-2.

Australia took the championship after a convincing 17-2 win over New Zealand last Thursday night. Players from the Land Down Under will now represent

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Eagles, Geckos notch wins

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Academy's Lady gles and Saipan International School's Junior Lady Geckos

Grace

Christian

(SIS2) clinched wins over separate opponents during last Thursday's games in the 2011-2012 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Volleyball League at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

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Saipan International School's Abigail Hudkins serves against Marianas High School during their game in the MISO volleyball league last Thursday at the MHS Gymnasium. WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Lady Rays sting Lady Ayuyus in soccer

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Southern Saipan High School's Marrielle Gariguez led the Lady Manta Rays to a 3-0 shutout win over Kagman High School's Lady Ayuyus during last Thursday's game in the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Soccer League at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

The win improved Southern's win-loss-draw record to 2-1-1 for second place in

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Saipan Southern High School's Marrielle Gariguez, right, goes for a kick into the top right corner of the goal, topping off her hat trick performance during last Thursday's MISO soccer match against Kagman High School at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.